

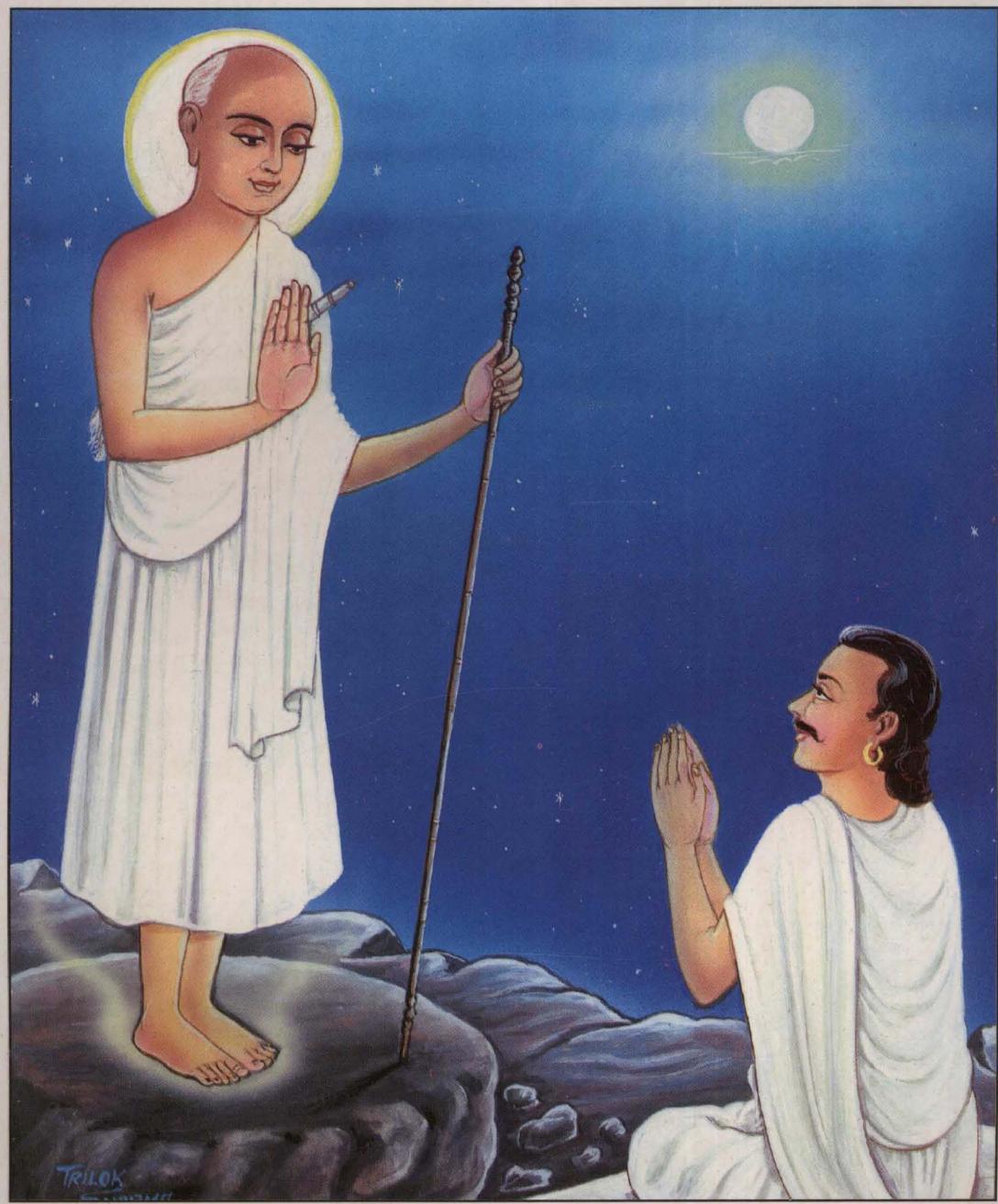
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# DADAGURU SHRI JINA KUSHAL SURI

The name of the four Dadagurus of the Jain Shvetambar Kharatar Gacch sect is written in golden letters in the list of efficacious acharyas known for there exemplary services to the Jain order. Yugapradhan Dada Jina Datta Suri, his able disciple Manidhari Jina Chandra Suri, Yugapradhan Shri Jina Kushal Suri, and Shri Jina Chandra Suri are famous names. They are peerless in their contributions towards promotion and spread of Jainism. They became popularly known as 'Dadaguru Dev' due to their affection, kindness, and unique deeds of extending help to their followers in need.

Of the four Dadagurus the name of the third Dadaguru, Shri Jina Kushal Suri today enjoys maximum popularity as the most altruistic and beneficent for masses and devotees. It was his astonishing determination and courage that he spent five years in Sindh, faraway from Marawar, the normal area of his activities, and worked for promotion of Jainism. In spite of the rule of Moghuls he persevered in his mission and succeeded.

He converted more than 50,000 people to Jainism by making them abstain from vices like hunting and consuming meat and wine. Besides Muslim kings, Nawabs, and hundreds of common Muslims his followers included thousands of Brahmins, Kshatriyas, etc.

More than 200 of his memorials and Dadabaris are spread all over the country in areas like Rajasthan, Malava, Gujarat, Saurashtra, Tamilnadu, Karnatak, Andhra, Punjab, Sindh, Delhi, Bihar and Bengal.

In this picture-story his life-sketch has been given in brief. Only a few out of the innumerable tales of his miraculous deeds have been included here.

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# DADAGURU SHRI JINA KUSHAL SURI

Near Jodhpur is a small town named Gadh Sivana. In ancient times it was called Samiyana. Hundreds of rich Oswal Jain families lived there in fort-like red stone mansions. Each mansion accommodated a large joint family with many servants. Adjacent to these were large yards for cattle, horses and chariots. Each mansion resembled a royal household. The families were rich and united. People from neighbouring areas visited and spent some time exchanging views. All complaints, disputes, and business negotiations were settled at these informal gatherings. The head of a family was called Shah ji. Minister Jesal Shah Chhajed and his wife Jayatshri also lived here in a magnificent mansion.

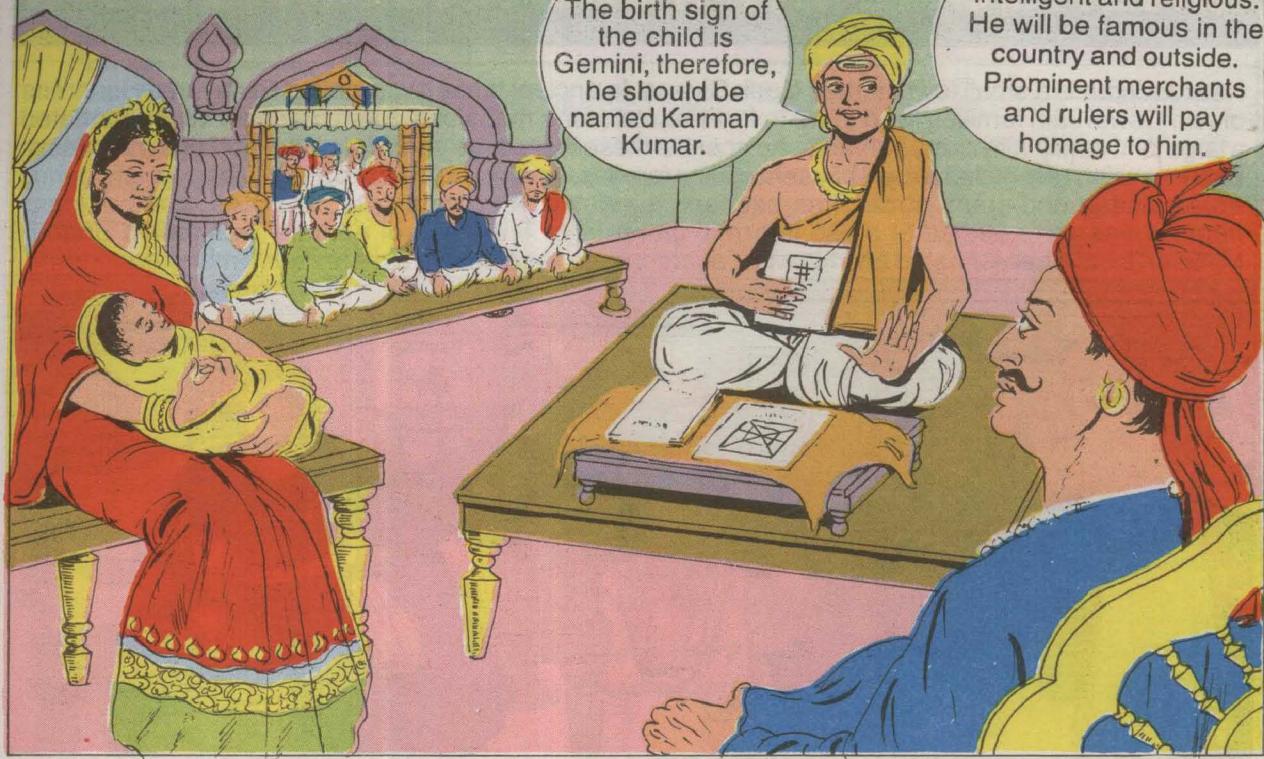


One morning Mantri Jesal ji was sitting in the courtyard on a large sofa. Some merchants and other people were also sitting with him. A maid from the mansion came running.

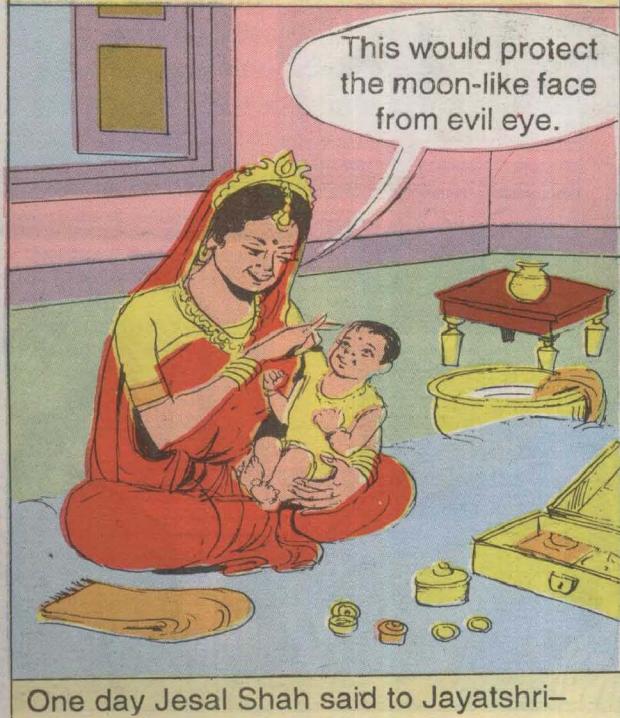


# Margsheersh Krishna 3rd, 1337 V.

On the twelfth day the naming ceremony was held. The astrologer said—



Mother Jayatshri washes the baby and adorns him with beautiful dress and ornaments. She then puts a black spot on his cheek.



One day Jesal Shah said to Jayatshri—

The boy started growing like the moon.

Devi, our Karman is seven years old. He should be sent to school.

My lord, the boy whom you want to teach appears to have learnt everything from previous life. Karman please recite...

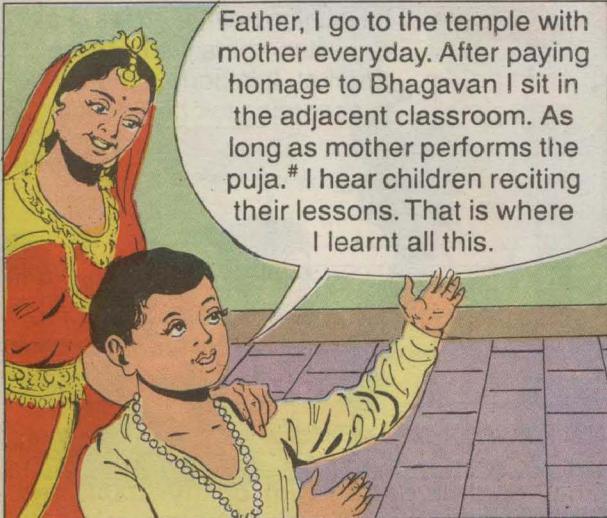


Karman stood up and recited-



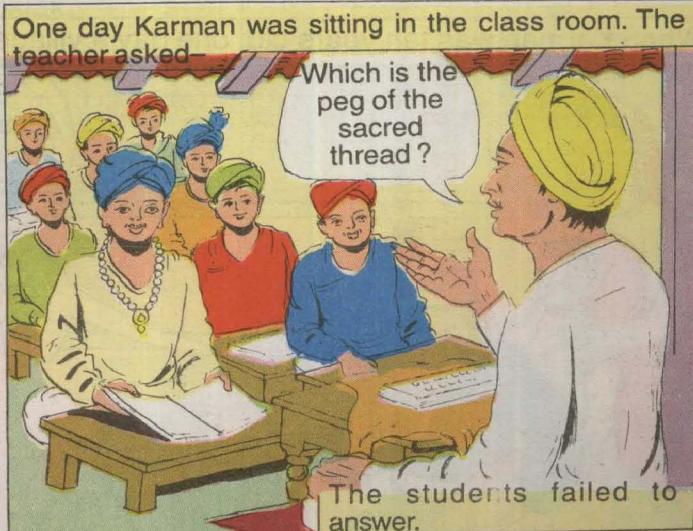
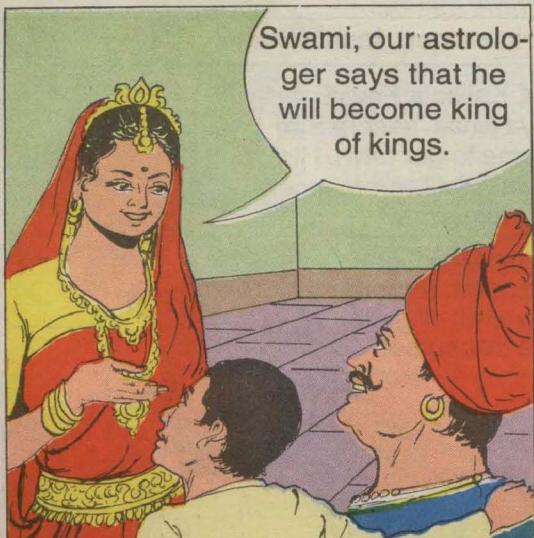
Father, I go to the temple with  
mother everyday. After paying  
homage to Bhagavan I sit in  
the adjacent classroom. As  
long as mother performs the  
puja. # I hear children reciting  
their lessons. That is where  
I learnt all this.

Jesal Shah affectionately put Karman in his lap.



Swami, our astrolo-  
ger says that he  
will become king  
of kings.

One day Karman was sitting in the class room. The  
teacher asked



# ritual worship. # having nine forts.

Karman got up—

Sir, may I tell.

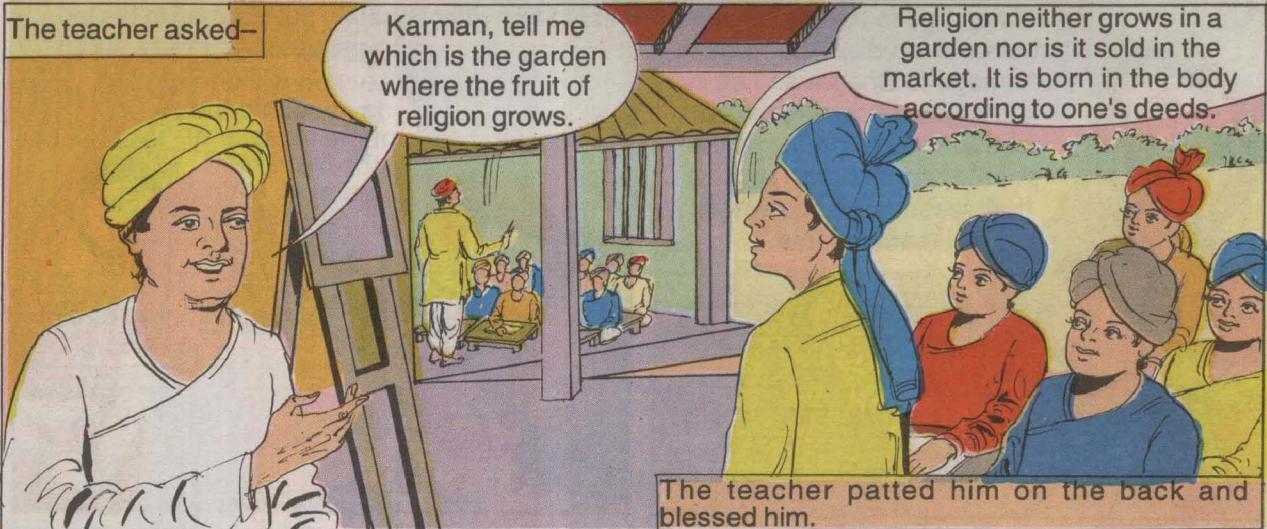
Good. Go ahead.



The teacher asked—

Karman, tell me which is the garden where the fruit of religion grows.

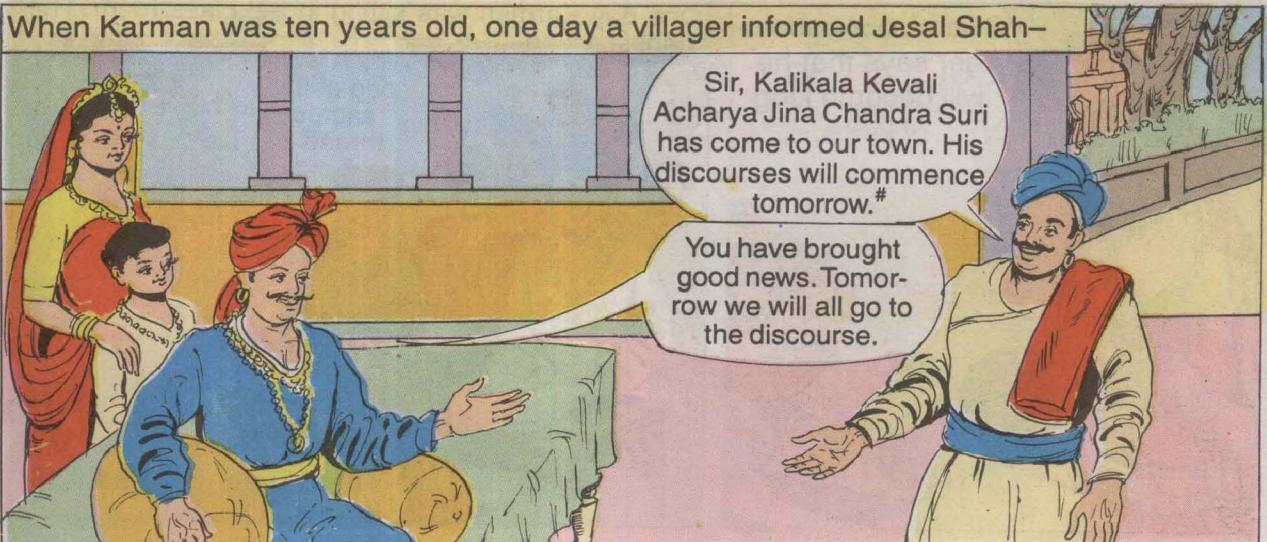
Religion neither grows in a garden nor is it sold in the market. It is born in the body according to one's deeds.



When Karman was ten years old, one day a villager informed Jesal Shah—

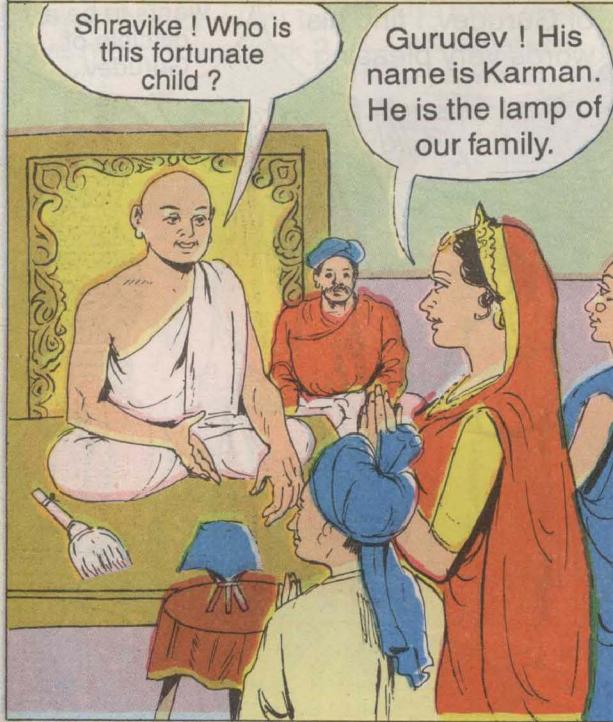
Sir, Kalikala Kevali Acharya Jina Chandra Suri has come to our town. His discourses will commence tomorrow. #

You have brought good news. Tomorrow we will all go to the discourse.

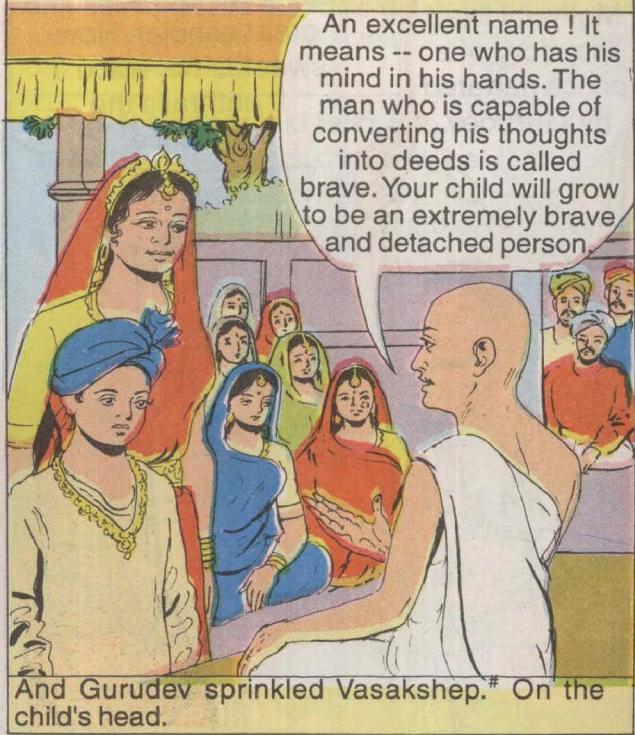


# He was the successor of Acharya Shri Jina Prabodh Suri.

Karman accompanied his mother, Jayatshri, when she went to pay homage to Acharyashri. The guru asked—

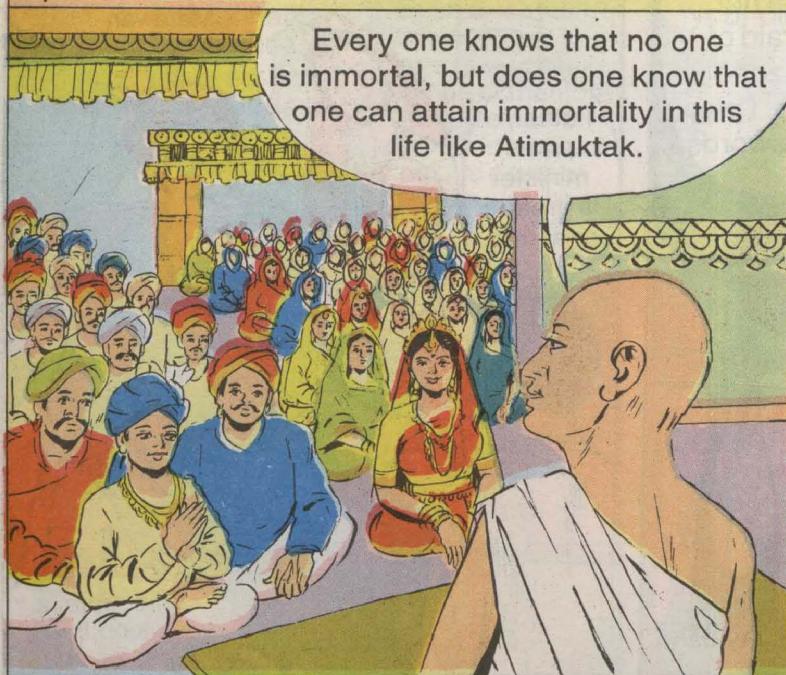


Gurudev carefully looked at the face and forehead of the boy and announced—



Next day Karman went to Acharyashri's discourse with his mother. On seeing him Acharyashri narrated the story of prince Atimuktak. Karman listened to the story with rapt attention.\*

Every one knows that no one is immortal, but does one know that one can attain immortality in this life like Atimuktak.



The story of Atimuktak made him feel—

It appears to be my story. I also have the same feelings...

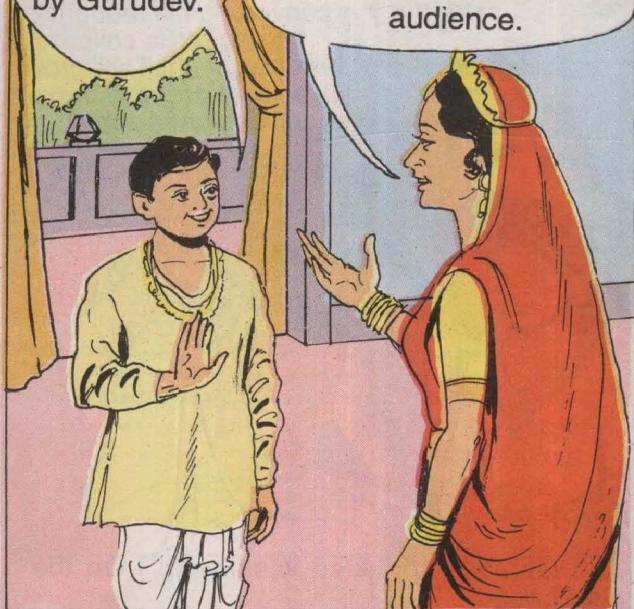


# Story of Atimuktak is given on pp. 31-32. # A fragrant yellow powder used by Jain ascetics of temple going sects to confer blessings.

On coming home he said—

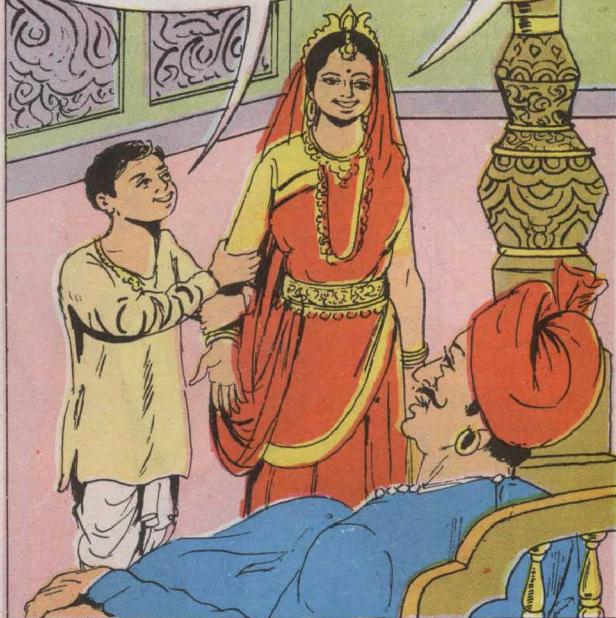
Mother, I liked the story of a prince narrated by Gurudev.

'Yes, son ! Gurudev is a great scholar. How sweet is his voice ? It enthralls the audience.



Yes, mother! Now I feel like becoming a disciple of Gurudev. I find his words very pleasing.

Swami, do you hear what your son says. He wants to be a disciple of Gurudev...



Jesal Shah laughed and said—

Karman, you don't know, the life of an ascetic is like walking on a razor's edge.

Father, I am your son. I am not afraid of razor's edge. I play with swords.



Hearing these words Jesal Shah and Jayatshri laughed.

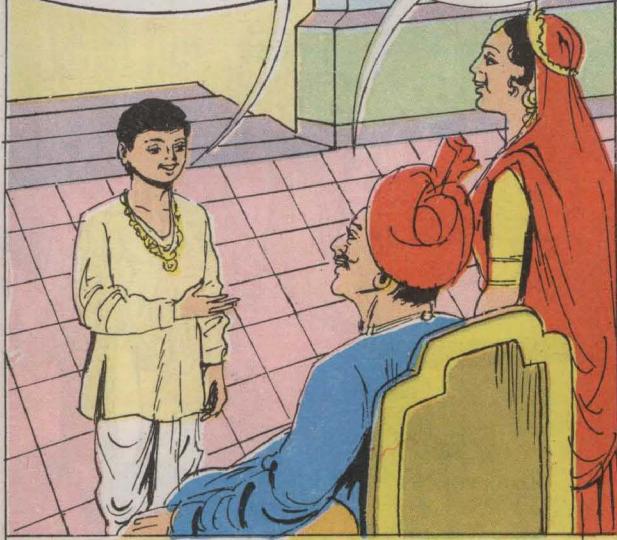
Our son is brave and wise. That is why I want to make him the prime minister of Marawar.



Of course, a king is greater, son.

Father, it is you who says that ascetics are the kings of kings. Why then you want to give me a lower rank ?

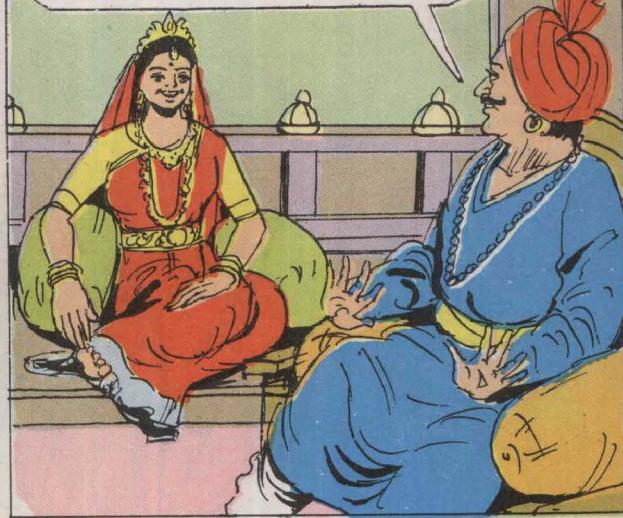
Admirable indeed ! How clever of him. He traps even his father with his words.



And the parents showered Karman with affectionate kisses.

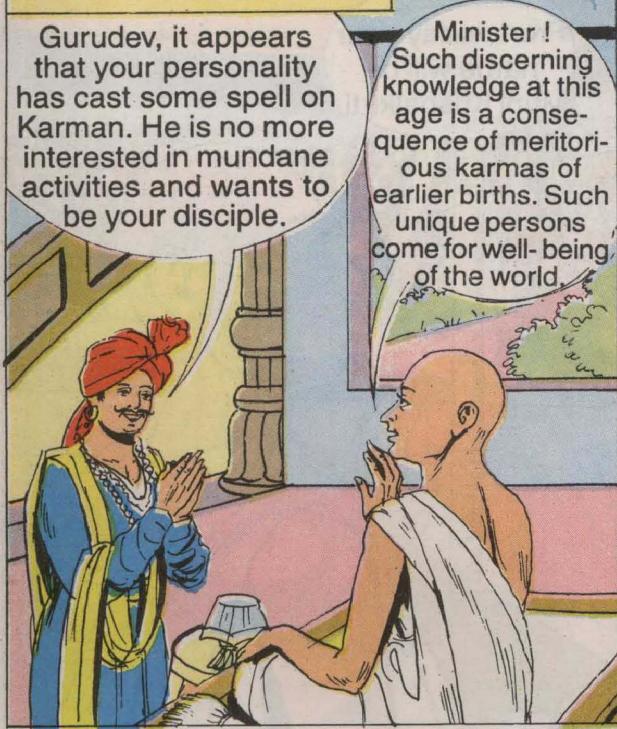
For some days the parents tried to distract Karman with toys and other attractions of wealth and comforts. But the child did not stop his insistence to become a disciple of Gurudev. One day Jesal Shah said—

This ten year child talks like a mature person of sixty. It will be hard for us to control him.

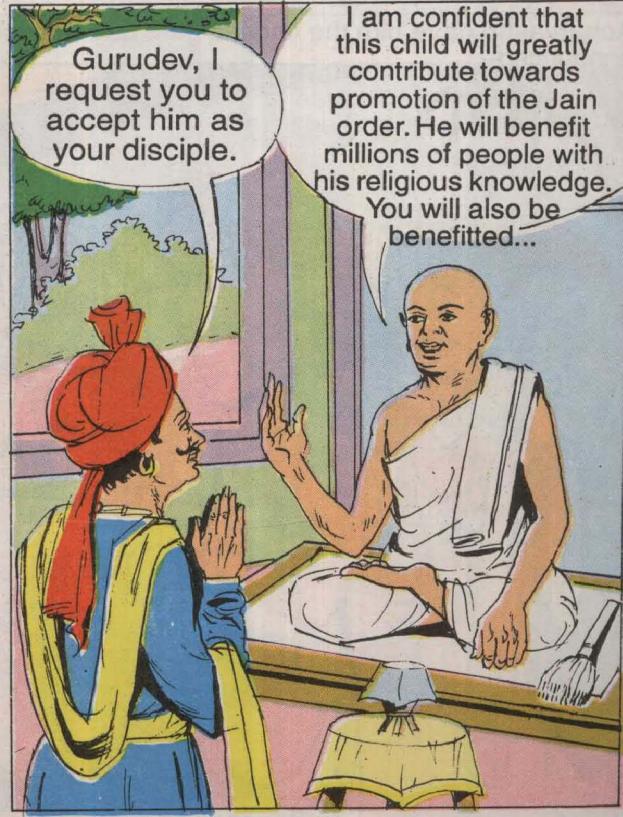


At last, one day Jesal Shah requested Acharya Shri Jina Chandra Suri—

Gurudev, it appears that your personality has cast some spell on Karman. He is no more interested in mundane activities and wants to be your disciple.



Minister ! Such discerning knowledge at this age is a consequence of meritorious karmas of earlier births. Such unique persons come for well-being of the world.

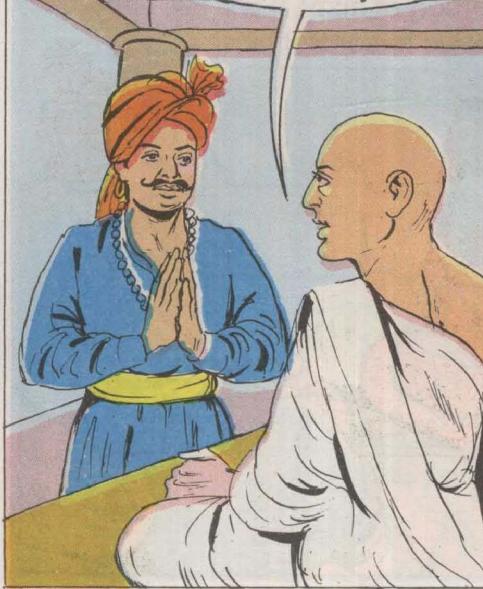


Gurudev, I request you to accept him as your disciple.

I am confident that this child will greatly contribute towards promotion of the Jain order. He will benefit millions of people with his religious knowledge. You will also be benefitted...

After taking permission from the parents, Acharyashri announced the auspicious date for initiation—

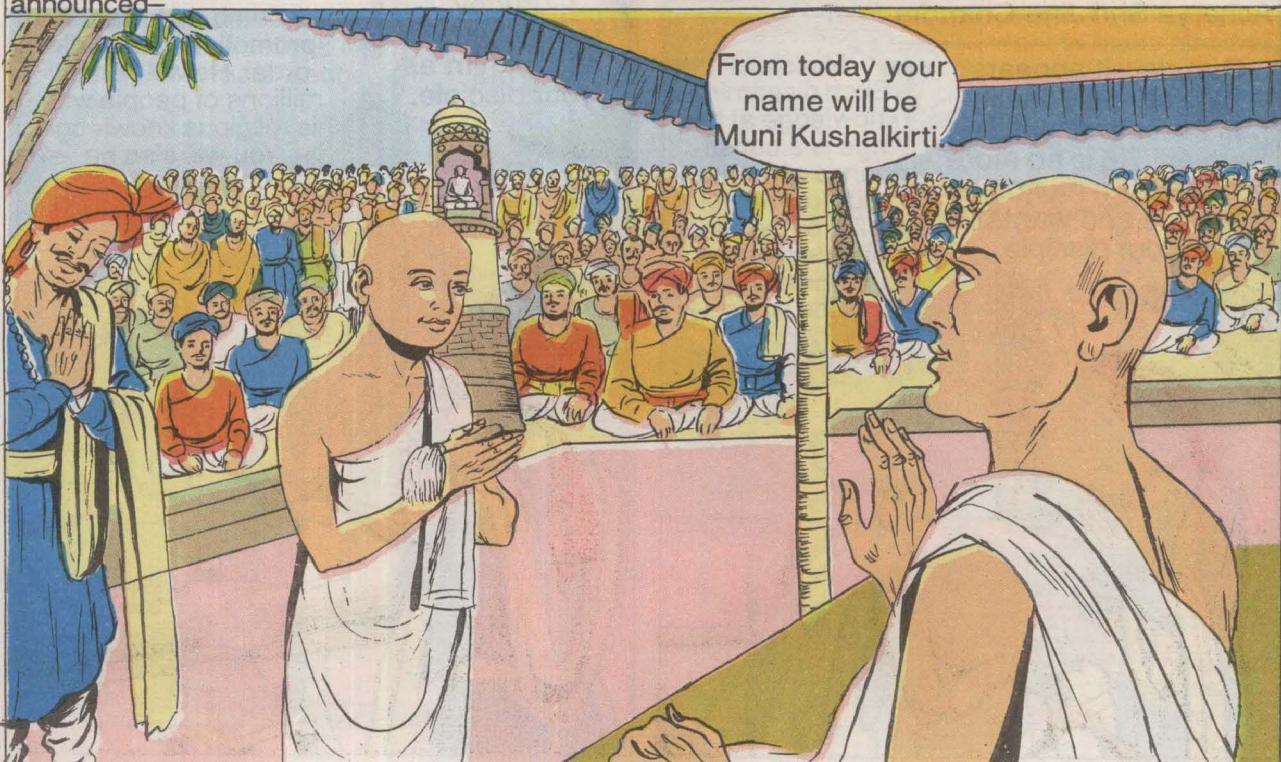
Minister, Phalgun Shukla 8 # is the most auspicious day.



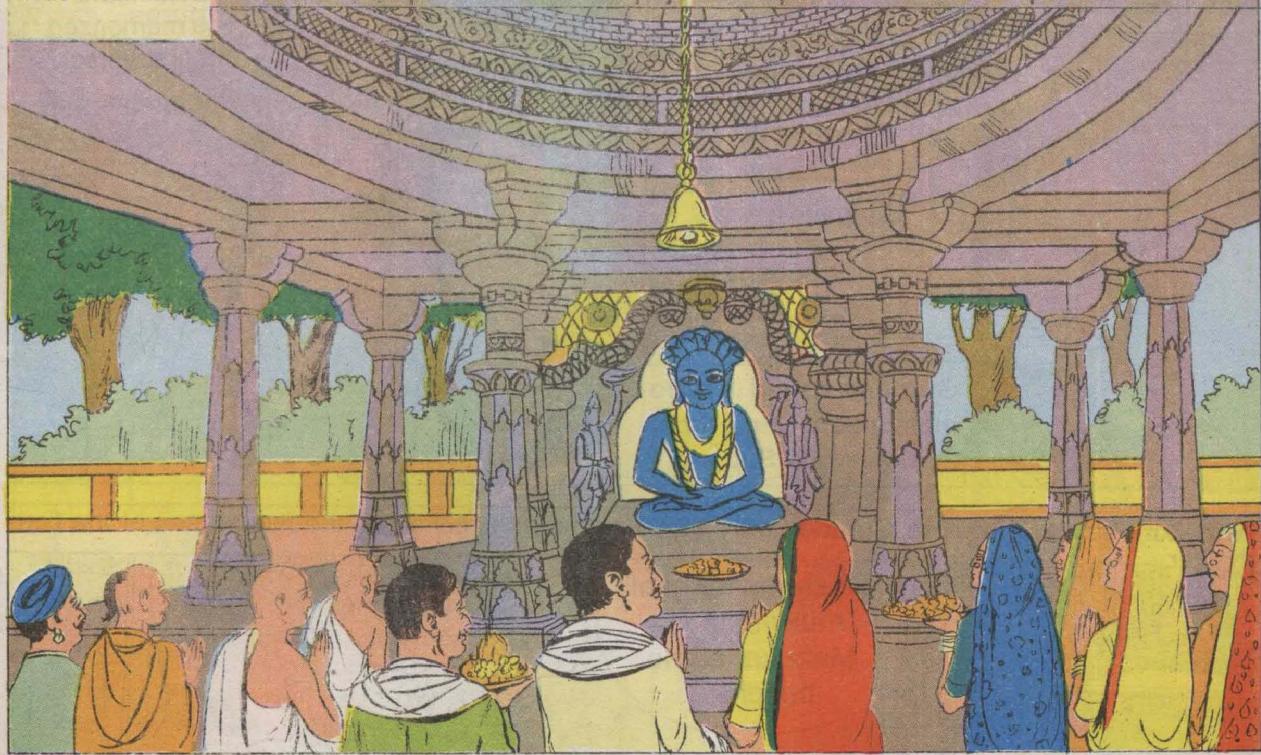
Jesal Shah made arrangements for the initiation ceremony. Invitations were sent to Shrisanghs# from far and near. With great pomp and show the initiation procession of aspirant Karman Kumar was taken out. Thousands of people joined it.



Acharyashri gave him the ascetic garb and the ascetic-broom. After pulling out his hair Acharyashri announced—



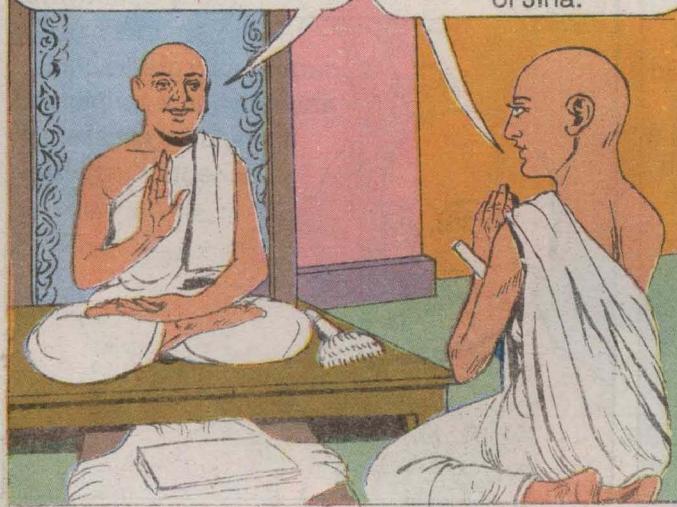
A large number of male and female ascetics attended this initiation ceremony. A Tirthankar image was installed in the ancient temple and elaborate pujas were performed in all temples.



One day child ascetic Kushalkirti was sitting with Acharya Shri Jina Chandra Suri. Acharyashri said—

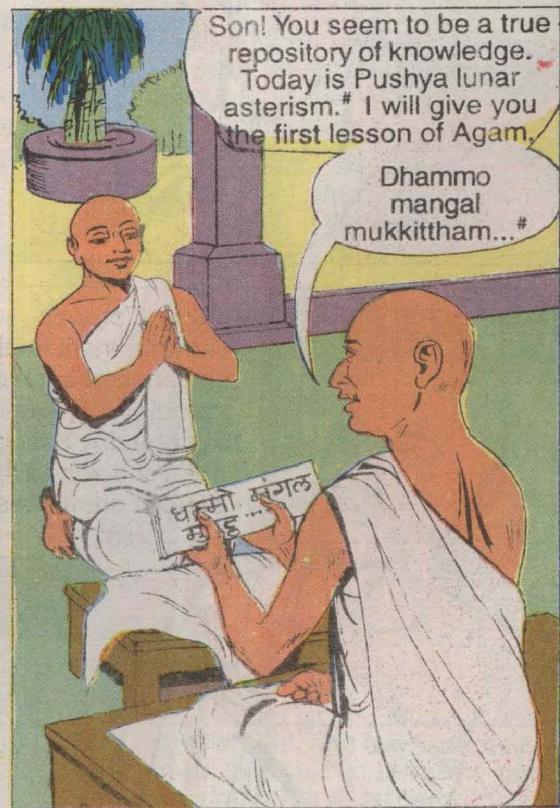
Son Kushal! Knowledge is the third eye of man. As long as this inner eye is not open his humane personality cannot develop...

Gurudev! Please favour me with knowledge. As a famished one loves food and a thirsty loves water, I love the words of Jina.



Son! You seem to be a true repository of knowledge. Today is Pushya lunar asterism.\* I will give you the first lesson of Agam,

Dhammo mangal mukkittham... #



# Jain Canon. # An auspicious day. # Dharma is the source of beatitude...

When Kushalkirti repeated it, Acharyashri was pleased—

How correct and sweet pronunciation he has.

Dhammo mangal mukkitham... Mahukar sama buddha...

Gurudev asked him to memorize a verse from Dashavaikalik Sutra.

In the evening Gurudev asked—

Son! Have you memorized the first verse?

Kushalkirti sat down before Gurudev with joined palms and recited all the five verses of the first chapter.

Dhammo mangal mukkitham... Mahukar sama buddha...

Excellent! He has a very sharp memory.

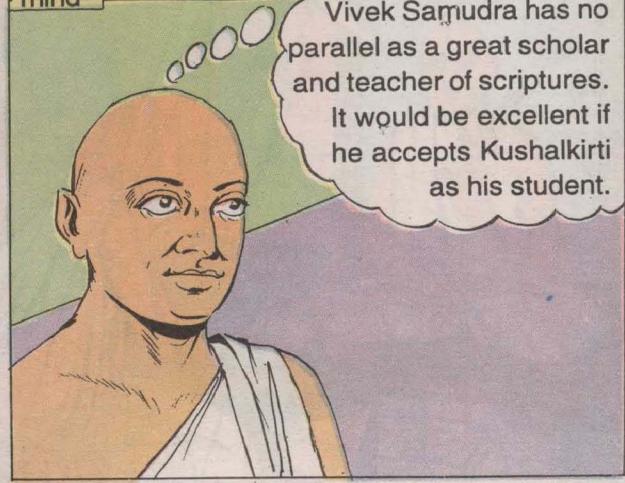
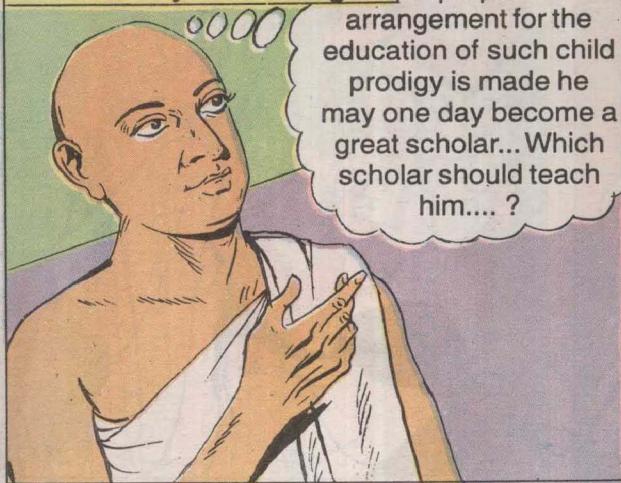


Then Acharyashri thought—

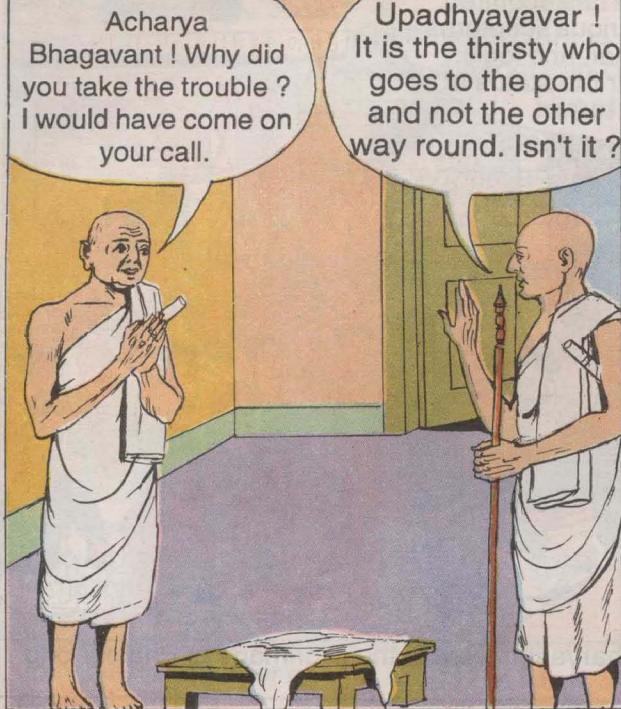
If proper arrangement for the education of such child prodigy is made he may one day become a great scholar... Which scholar should teach him....?

Suddenly it flashed in his mind—

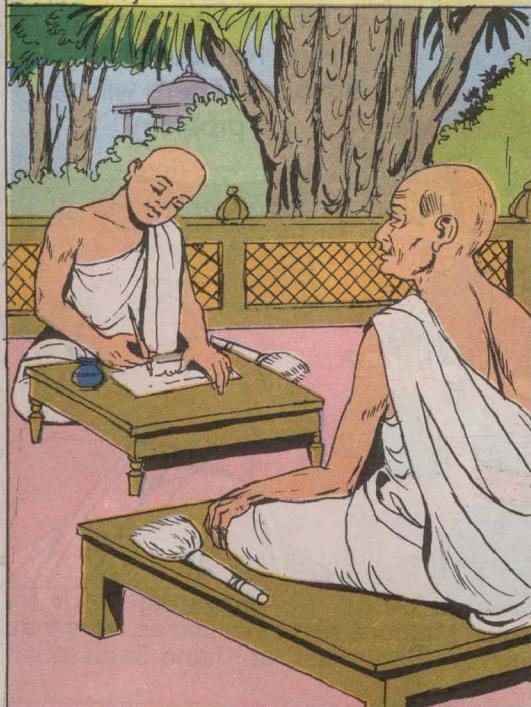
Today Upadhyaya Vivek Samudra has no parallel as a great scholar and teacher of scriptures. It would be excellent if he accepts Kushalkirti as his student.



Acharyashri himself went to Upadhyaya Vivek Samudra who got up to greet him—

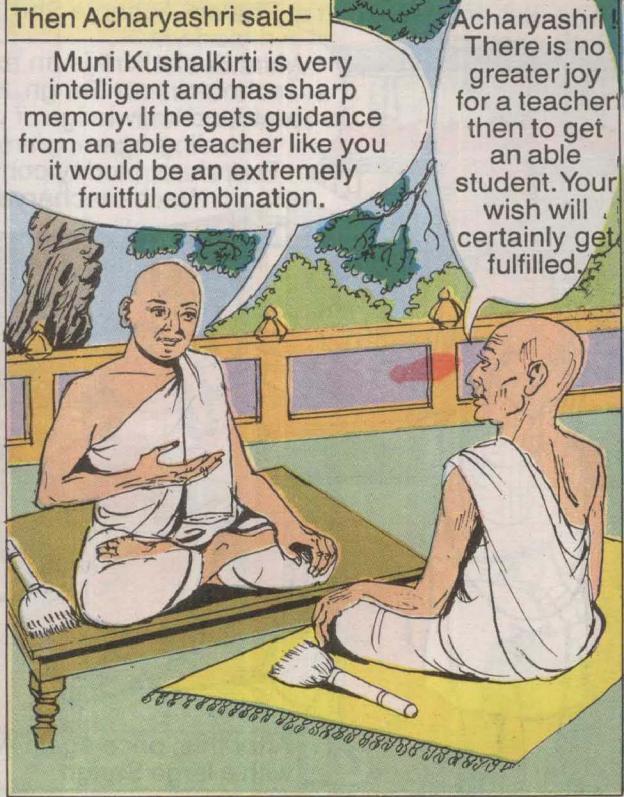


On that very day ascetic Kushalkirti started his studies with Upadhyaya Vivek Samudra ji.



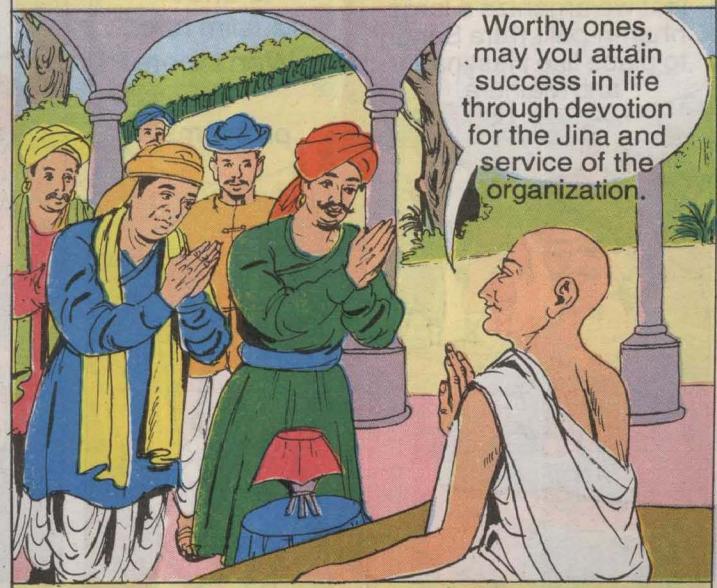
Then Acharyashri said—

Muni Kushalkirti is very intelligent and has sharp memory. If he gets guidance from an able teacher like you it would be an extremely fruitful combination.



Acharyashri! There is no greater joy for a teacher than to get an able student. Your wish will certainly get fulfilled.

In 1375 V. Acharya Shri Jina Chandra Suri ji came to Nagaur after the pilgrimage of Phalaudi. Many Sangh-patis<sup>#</sup> from Marawar and Delhi visited with their members to pay homage to Acharyashri.

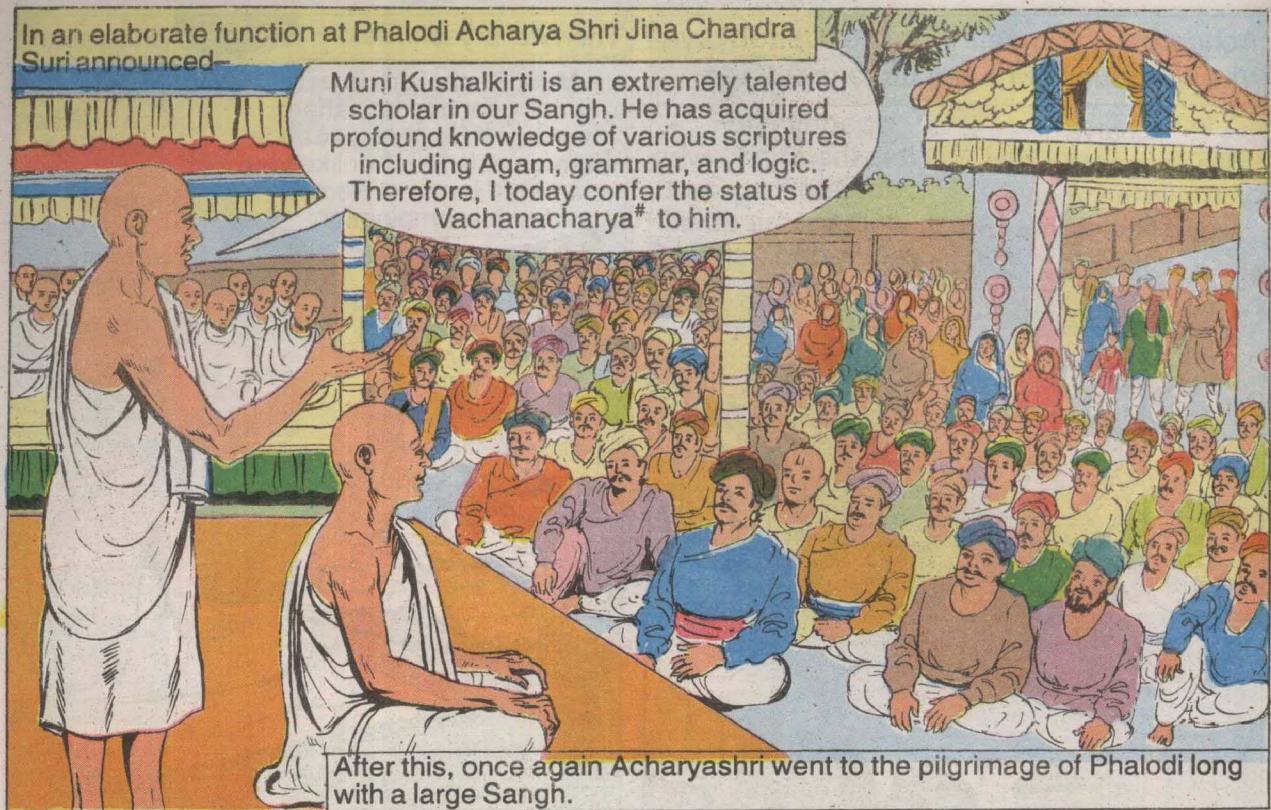


Worthy ones, may you attain success in life through devotion for the Jina and service of the organization.

It soon turned into a huge festival. The town came alive with religious programmes like puja in temples, concerts of devotional songs, and other ritual ceremonies.

In an elaborate function at Phalodi Acharya Shri Jina Chandra Suri announced—

Muni Kushalkirti is an extremely talented scholar in our Sangh. He has acquired profound knowledge of various scriptures including Agam, grammar, and logic. Therefore, I today confer the status of Vachanacharya<sup>#</sup> to him.

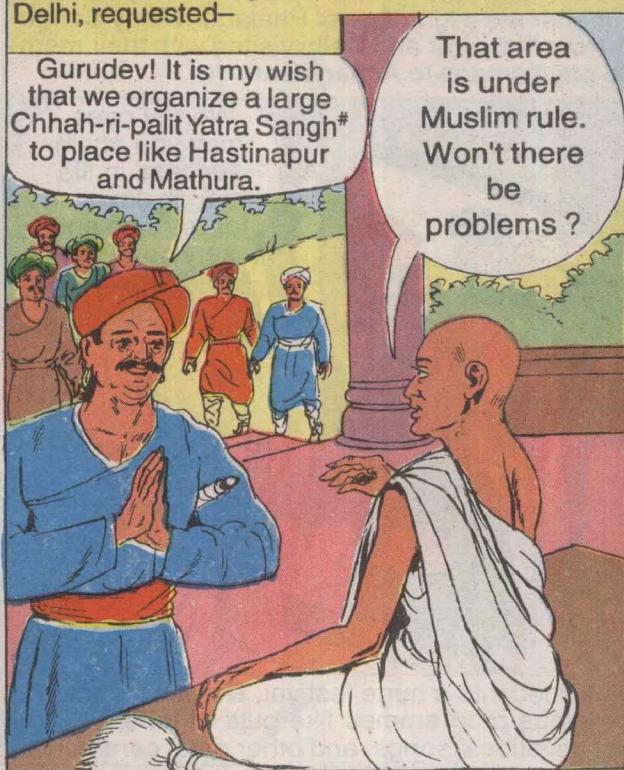


After this, once again Acharyashri went to the pilgrimage of Phalodi long with a large Sangh.

Thakkur Achal Singh, a prominent shravak from Delhi, requested—

Gurudev! It is my wish that we organize a large Chhah-ri-palit Yatra Sangh<sup>#</sup> to place like Hastinapur and Mathura.

That area is under Muslim rule. Won't there be problems?



Achal Singh showed a long letter—

Gurudev! We have obtained a decree from King Kutubuddin in advance. There will be no problem.



Acharyashri joined the pilgrimage tour to Hastinapur, Mathura, and other places. After that he spent his Chaturmas<sup>#</sup> at Khand Sarai (near Delhi).

# head of the scriptural scholars; Magh Sud 12, 13/5 v.

# a group pilgrimage tour where members observe six specified vows during the tour—(1) one meal a day, (2) abstaining from eating sachit food, (3) walking, (4) sleeping on ground, (5) observing righteous conduct, and (6) celibacy. # Monsoon-stay.

Acharya Shri Jina Chandra Suri's health had deteriorated. One day he said to Thakkur Vijai Singh ji, a shravak of his confidence—

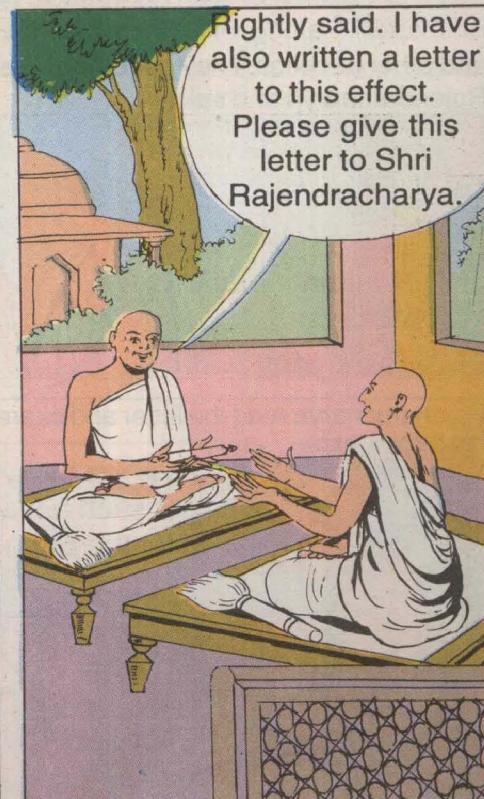
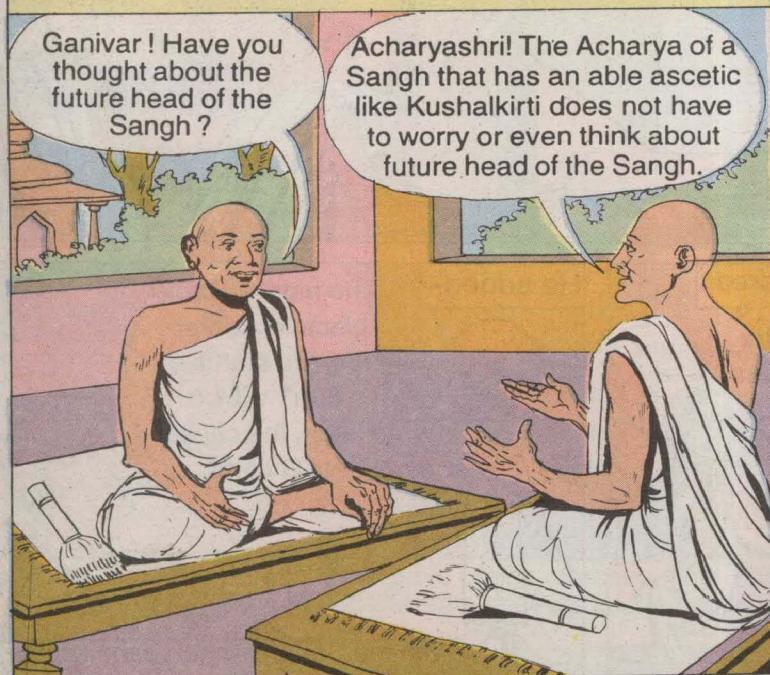
Kushalkirti Gani is the ablest ascetic in our organization. I want to make him the Acharya<sup>#</sup>



Indeed, Gurudev, it would be fortunate for us that the organization gets as leader a scholar, expert orator, and immaculate observer of conduct like him.

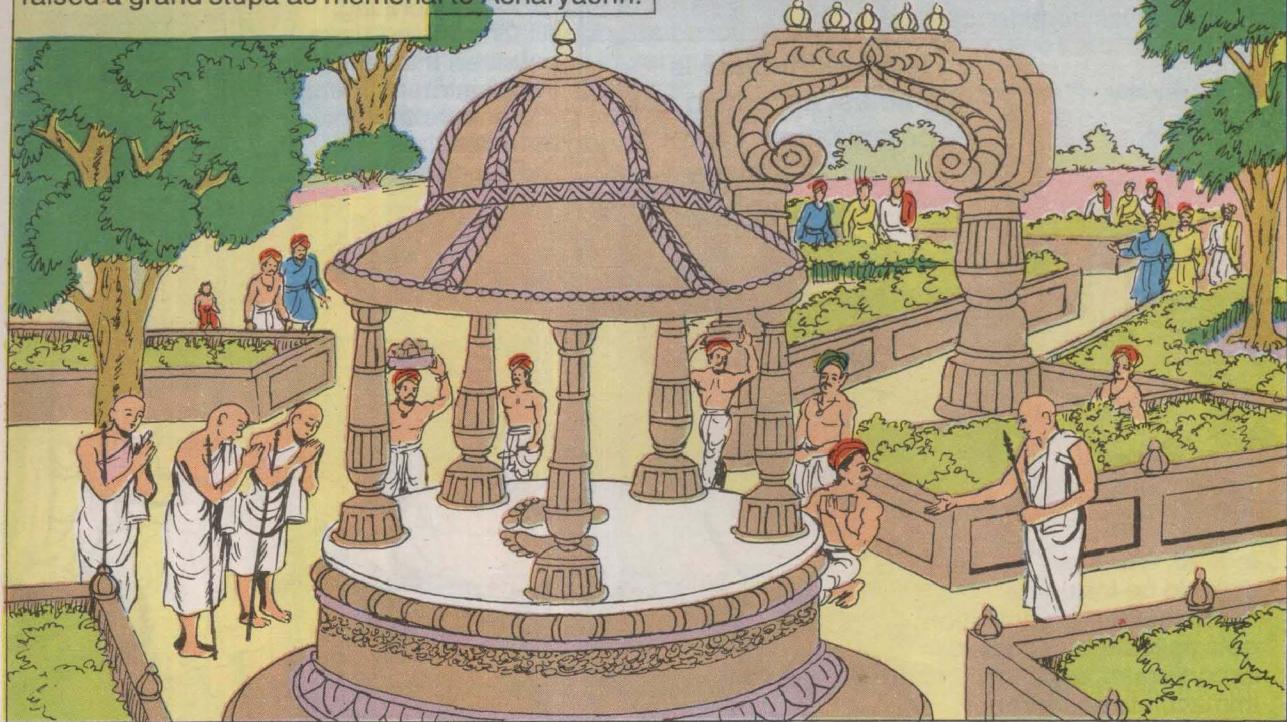


One day Rana Manadev Chauhan, the ruler of Merta, requested Acharyashri for a visit. Acharyashri left Delhi and came to Merta. There he consulted Pravartak Jai Vallabh Gani—



# Head of the organization. # Another disciple of Shri Jina Chandra Suri.

Some days later at Koshavana Shri Jina Chandra Suri breathed his last after fasting.<sup>#</sup> The Sangh raised a grand stupa as memorial to Acharyashri.

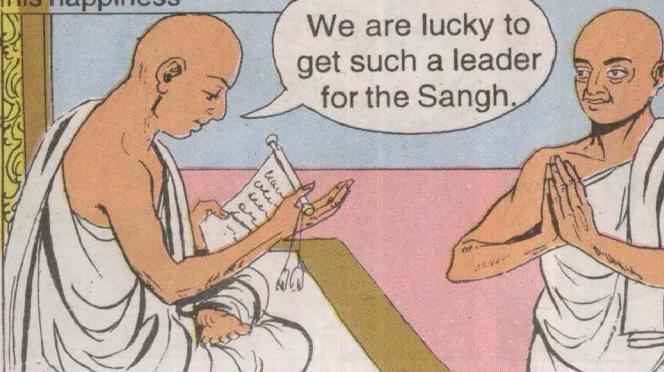


After the Chaturmas Kushalkirti Gani reached Bhimapalli <sup>#</sup> along with Pravartak Jai Vallabh Gani and other ascetics. They gave Acharyashri's letter to Rajendracharya and said—

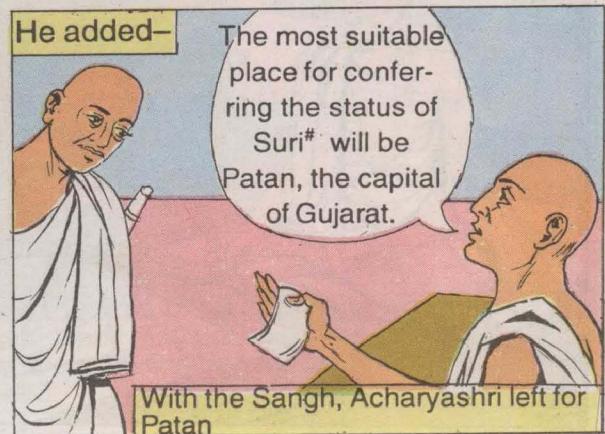
During his last days Acharyashri wrote this letter for you.



Rajendracharya read the letter and expressed his happiness—

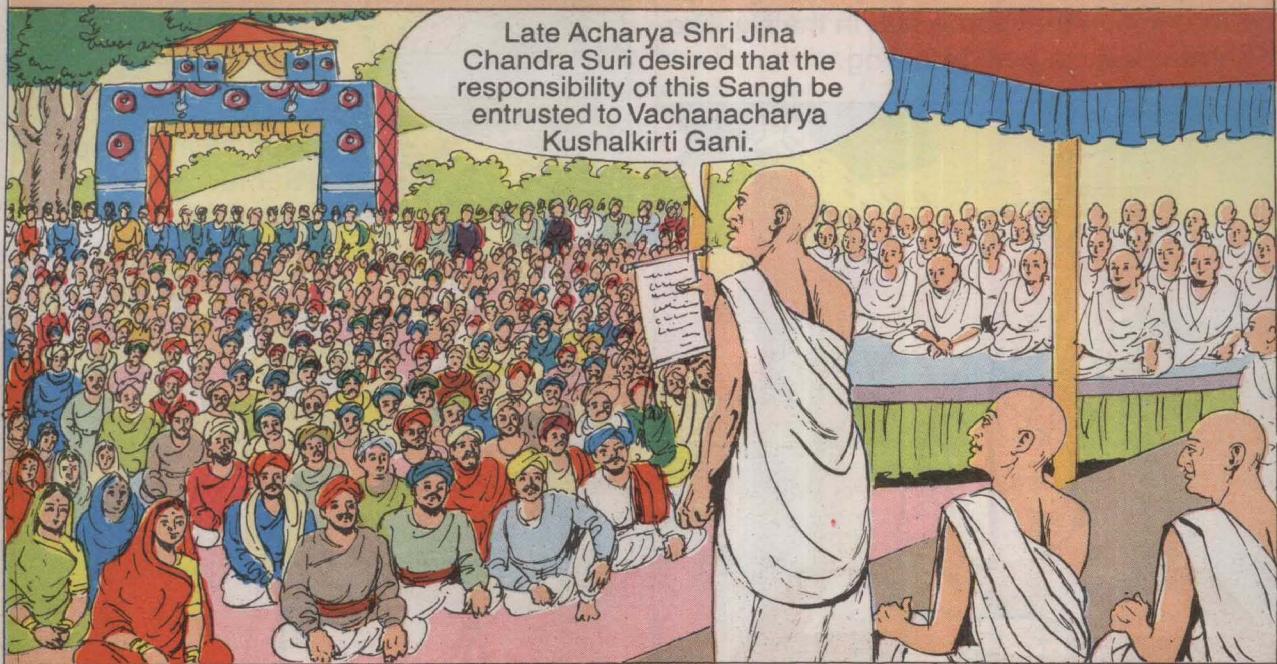


He added—



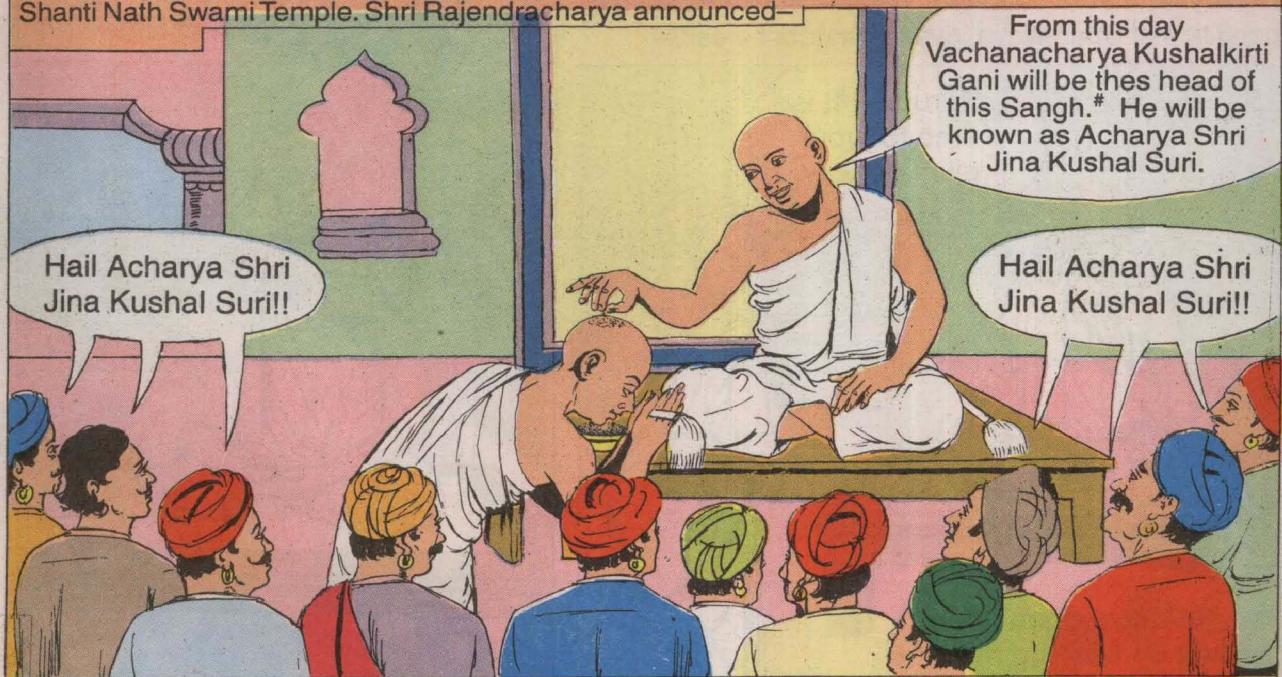
With the Sangh, Acharyashri left for Patan

On getting the news, hundreds of Shrisanghs and numerous scholarly ascetics gathered in Patan. In a congregation of thousands of followers Shri Rajendracharya read the two letters of instruction—



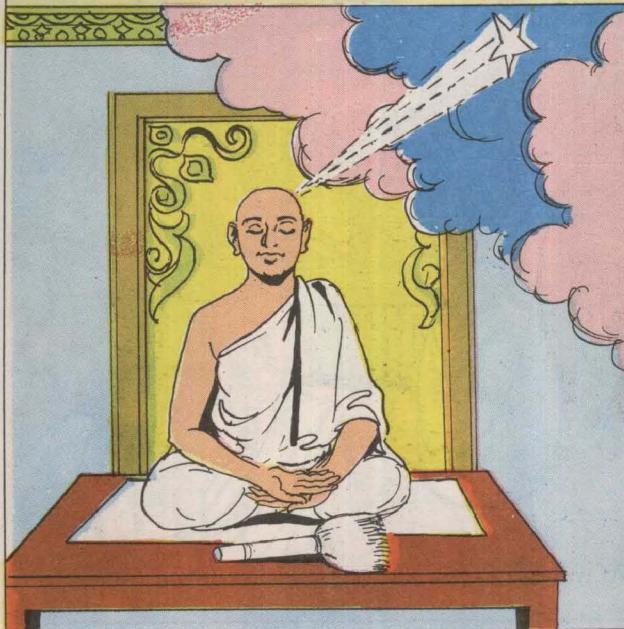
Patan city was decorated with flags and bunting. At many places auspicious instrumental music was played.

At an auspicious moment the ceremony of conferring the title of Acharya was organized at the Shanti Nath Swami Temple. Shri Rajendracharya announced—

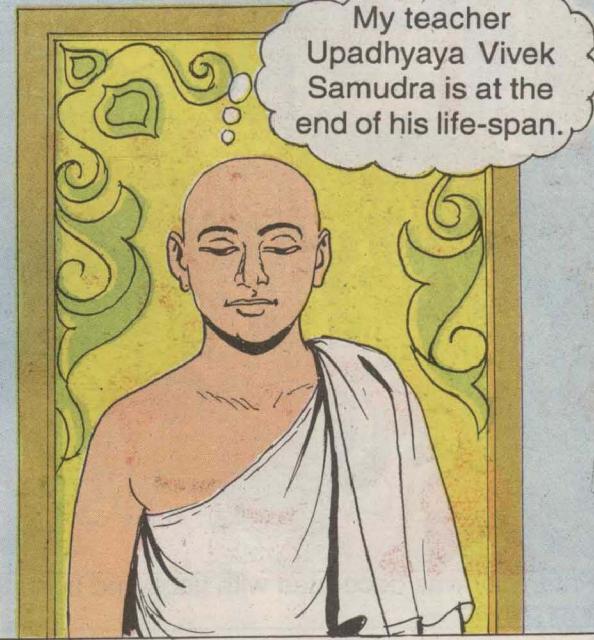


On this occasion Seth<sup>#</sup> Tejpal gave grains, dresses, gold, and silver in charity. He also invited 100 Acharyas, 700 male and 2400 female ascetics at his residence and gave them cloth and ascetic-equipment as alms.

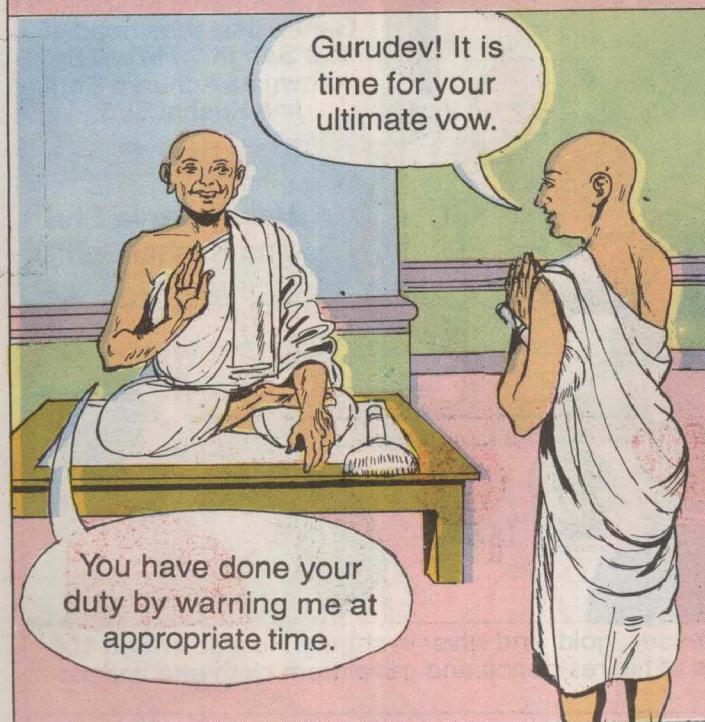
From there Shri Jina Kushal Suri went to Bhimapalli. One day while meditating it appeared to him that some star in the sky-like Kharatar Gacch was twinkling.



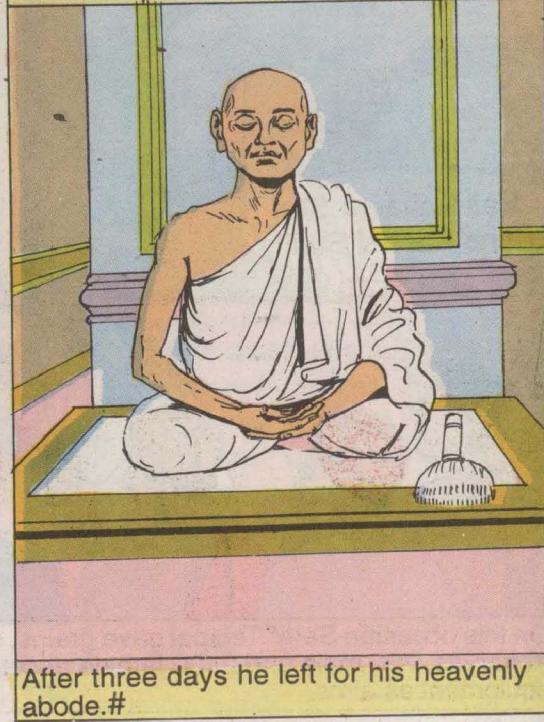
On further contemplating he realized that—



Acharyashri at once left for Patan. On examining the condition of Upadhyaya Vivek Samudra he said—



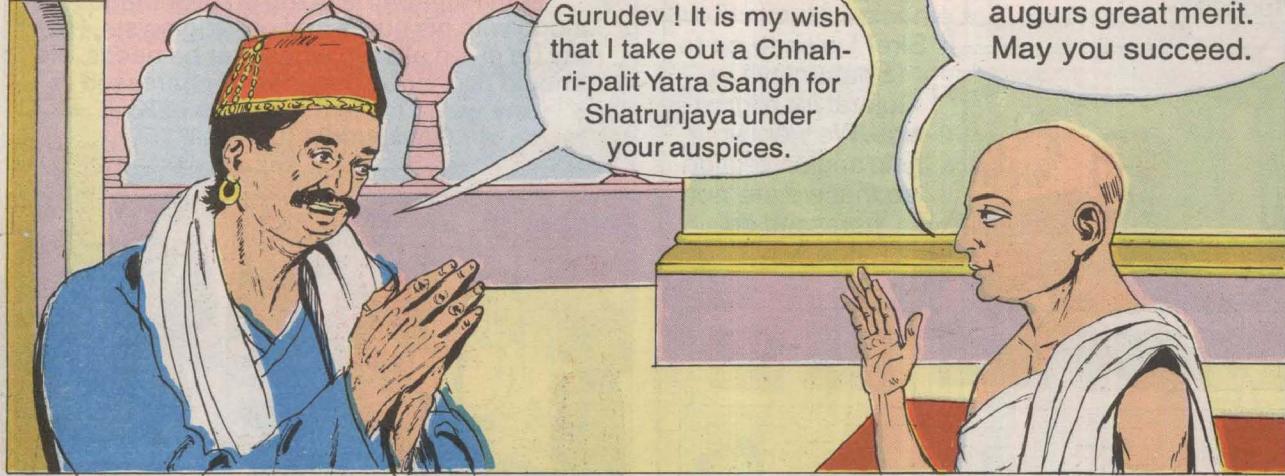
Upadhyaya Vivek Samudra took the ultimate vow and commenced the meditations of Panchaparamesthi #



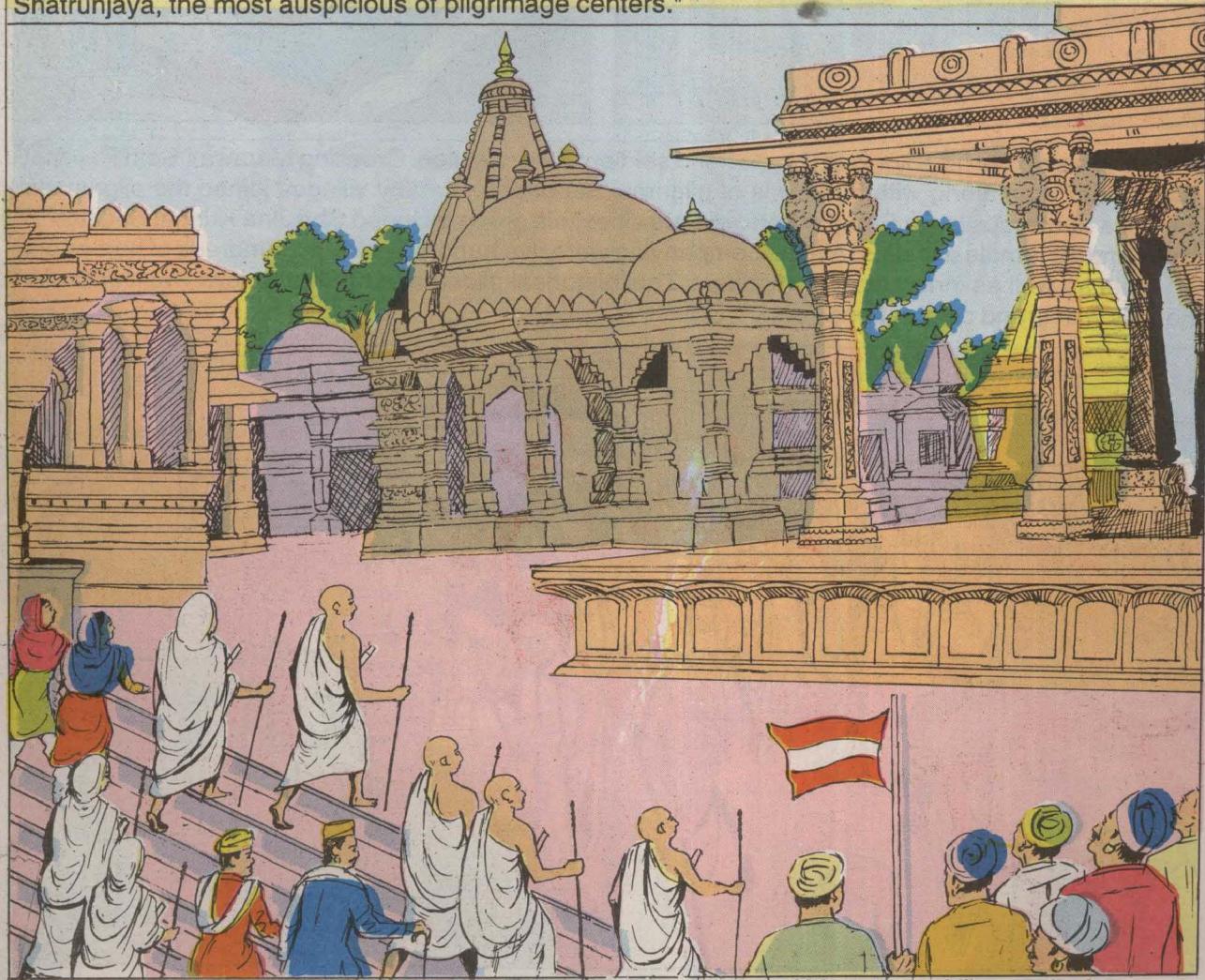
After three days he left for his heavenly abode.#

One day Seth Tejpal of Patan requested Acharya Shri Jina Kushal Suri—

To have such wish augurs great merit. May you succeed.

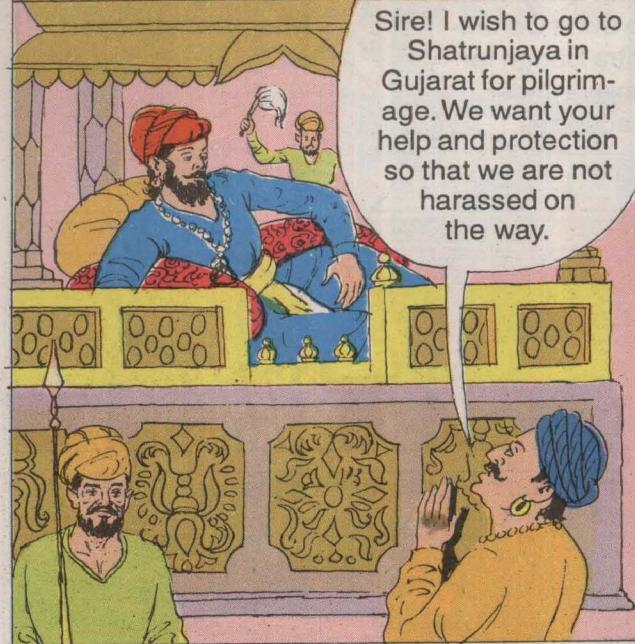


Along with many scholarly ascetics and thousands of shravaks, Acharyashri undertook this tour to Shatrunjaya, the most auspicious of pilgrimage centers. #



# On Kartik Sudi 14, 1380 V. he conducted the installation ceremony of Manatunga Vihar at the base of the hill.

One year after this pilgrimage Seth Rayapati<sup>#</sup> of Delhi submitted before King GayaSuddin Tughalak—



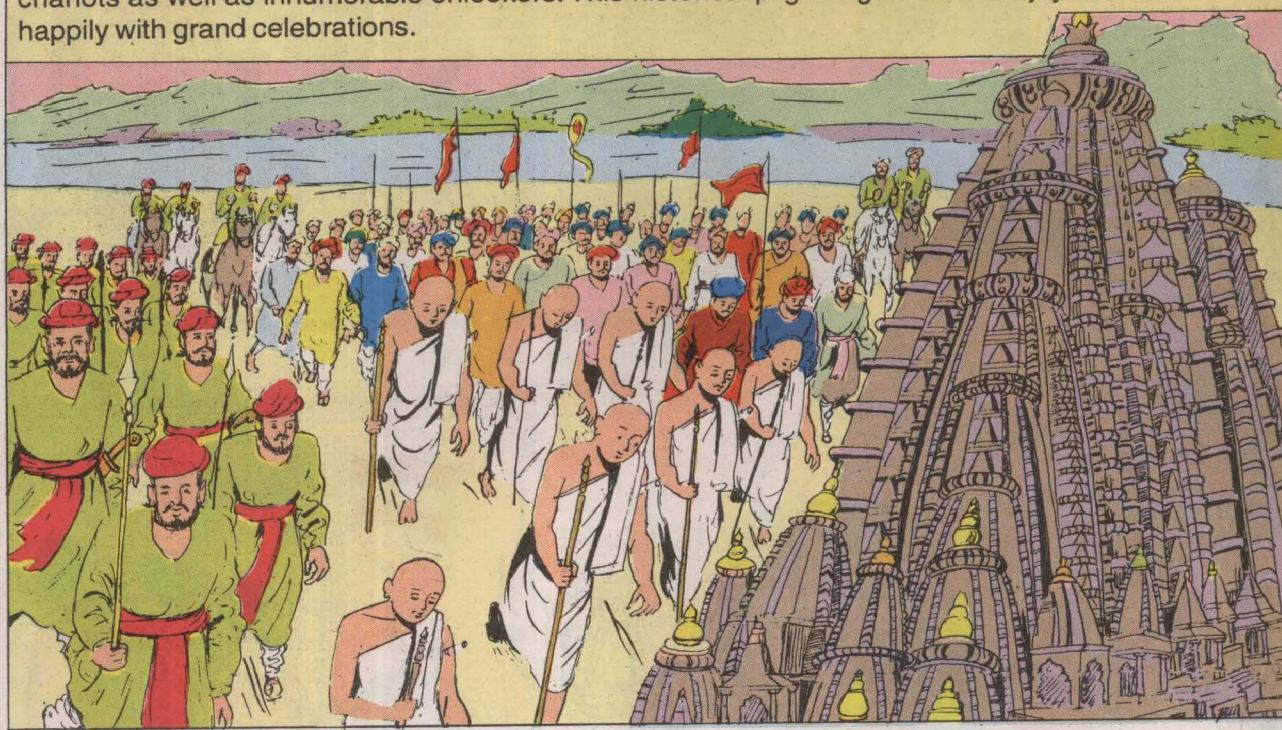
Sire! I wish to go to Shatrunjaya in Gujarat for pilgrimage. We want your help and protection so that we are not harassed on the way.

The king issued a special decree—

Seth Rayapati is going on pilgrimage along with his gurus and co-religionists. He may be given all help whenever he needs. He should neither be detained nor harassed in any way. This is the decree of King GayaSuddin Tughalak.

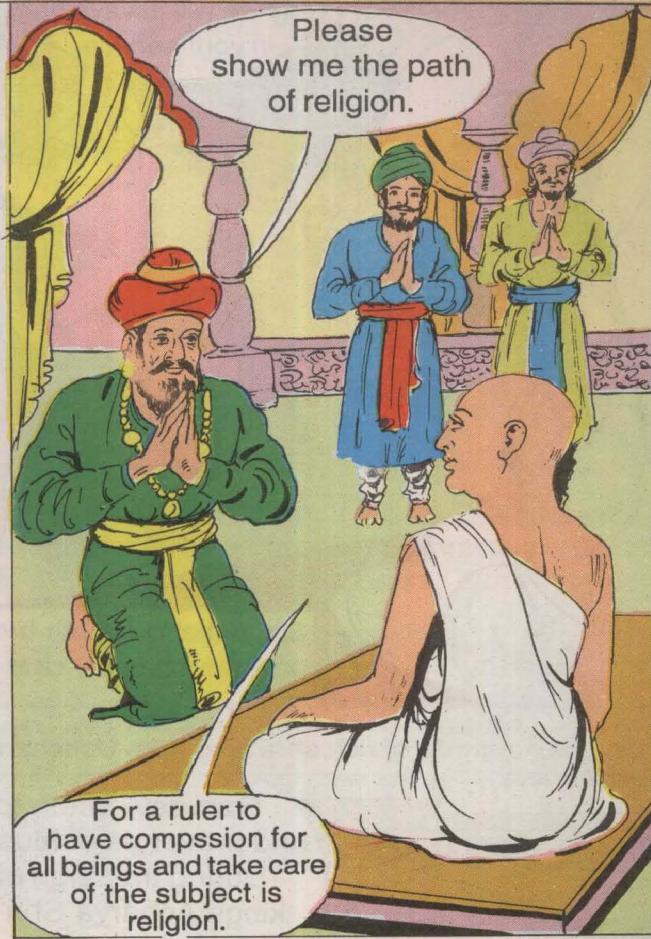
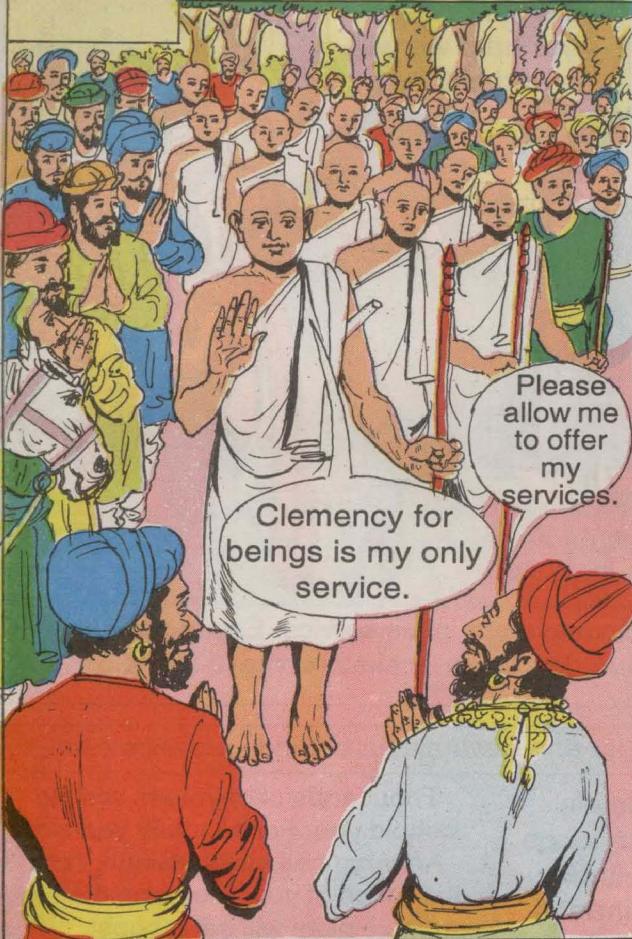


The king also gave his royal cart, horses and soldiers for protection. Crossing Marawar, Seth Rayapati arrived at Patan along with hundreds of pilgrims. Sanghs from many villages joined the pilgrimage. Besides numerous large Sanghs from various cities this group included Shri Jina Kushal Suri and 17 male and 19 female ascetics. Also accompanying were five hundred soldiers, hundreds of horses and chariots as well as innumerable onlookers. This historical pilgrimage of Shatrunjaya was concluded happily with grand celebrations.



# He belonged to the Shrimal clan.

After this, with the large Sangh, Acharyashri proceeded for Girnar pilgrimage. Muslim rulers, governors, and other officers in villages on the way extended royal welcome to Acharyashri. It was a highly successful mission of religious promotion.



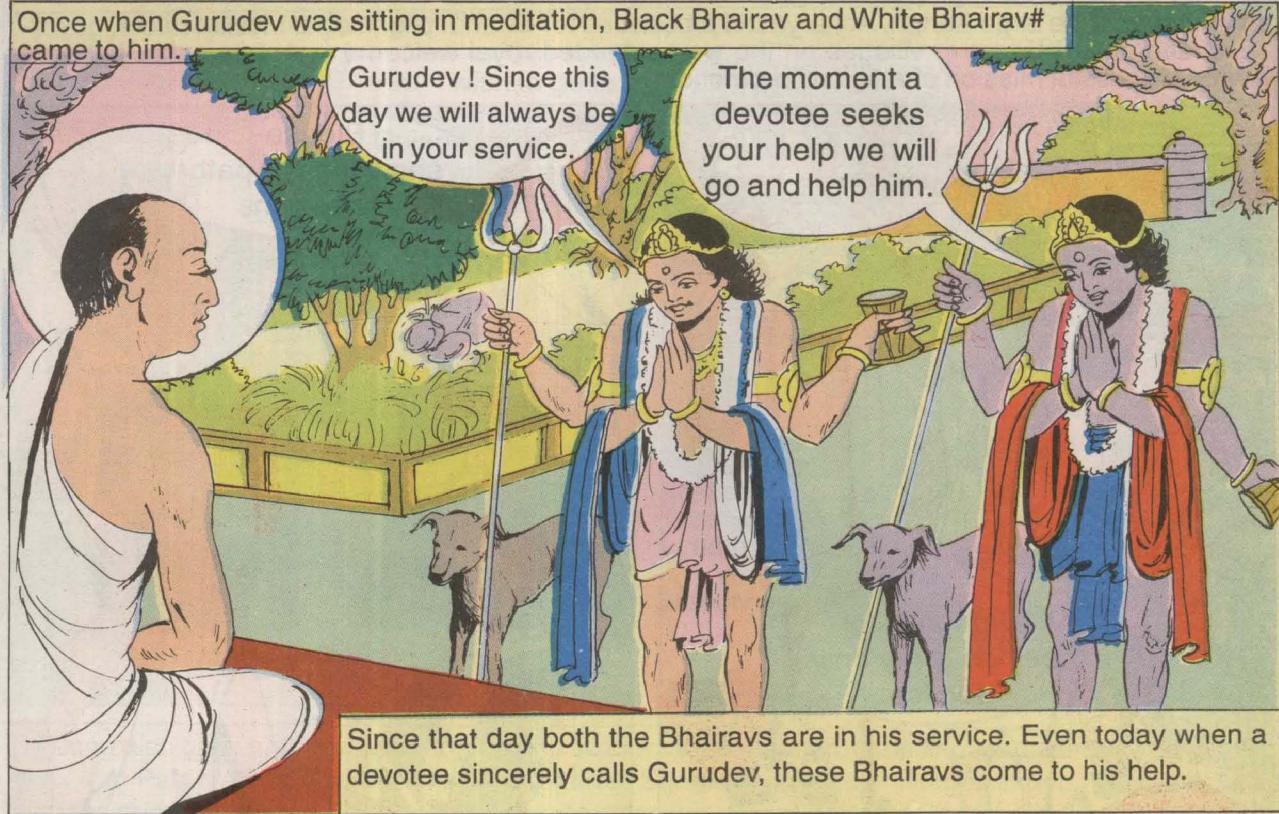
From Girnar he left for Delhi via Gujarat and Marawar. Wherever Acharyashri went, people from all caste and creed thronged to pay homage. People talked—

Brother! His austerity and spirituality has astonishing effects. My mother had become blind. She rubbed the sand from his feet on her eyes and both her eyes were cured.

My son became lean and weak due to some ailment. Gurudev sprinkled Vasakshep on him and he regained his health.

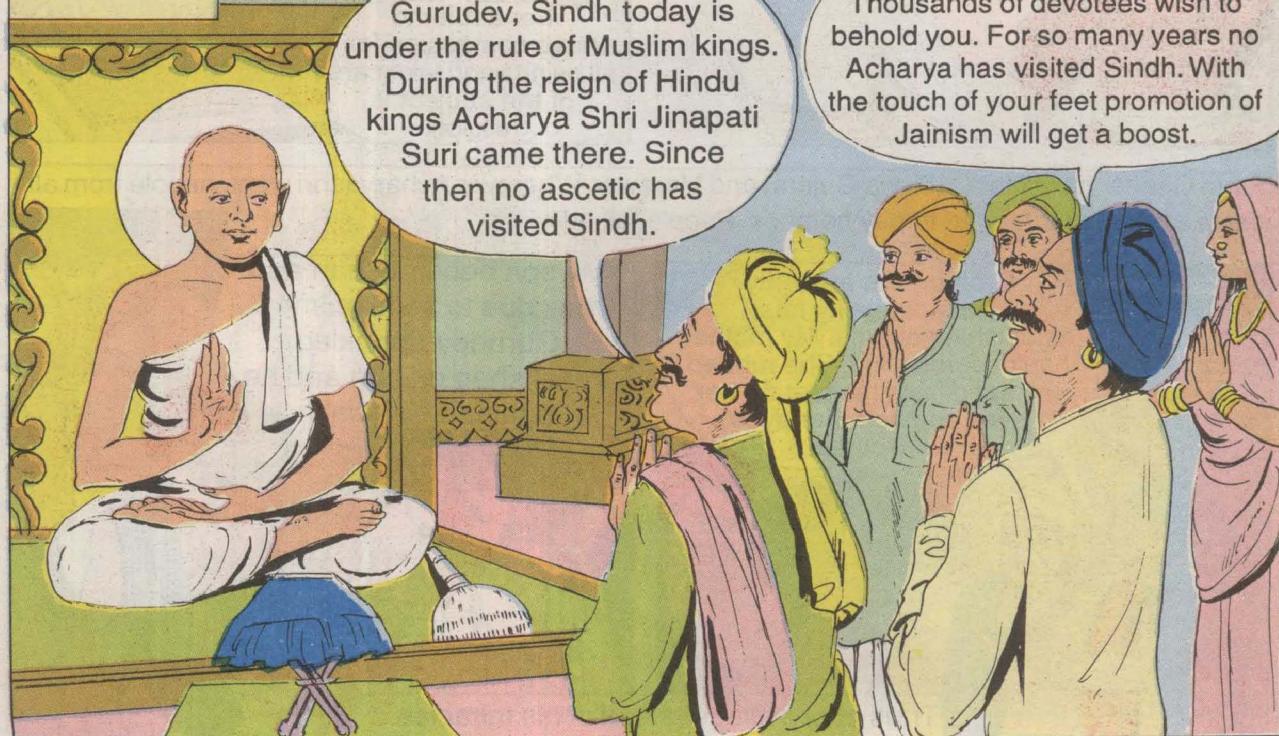
Thus every village talked of his miracles.

Once when Gurudev was sitting in meditation, Black Bhairav and White Bhairav# came to him.



Since that day both the Bhairavs are in his service. Even today when a devotee sincerely calls Gurudev, these Bhairavs come to his help.

One day a group of rich shravaks from Uchchanagar and Devarajapur in Sindh province came to Acharyashri.

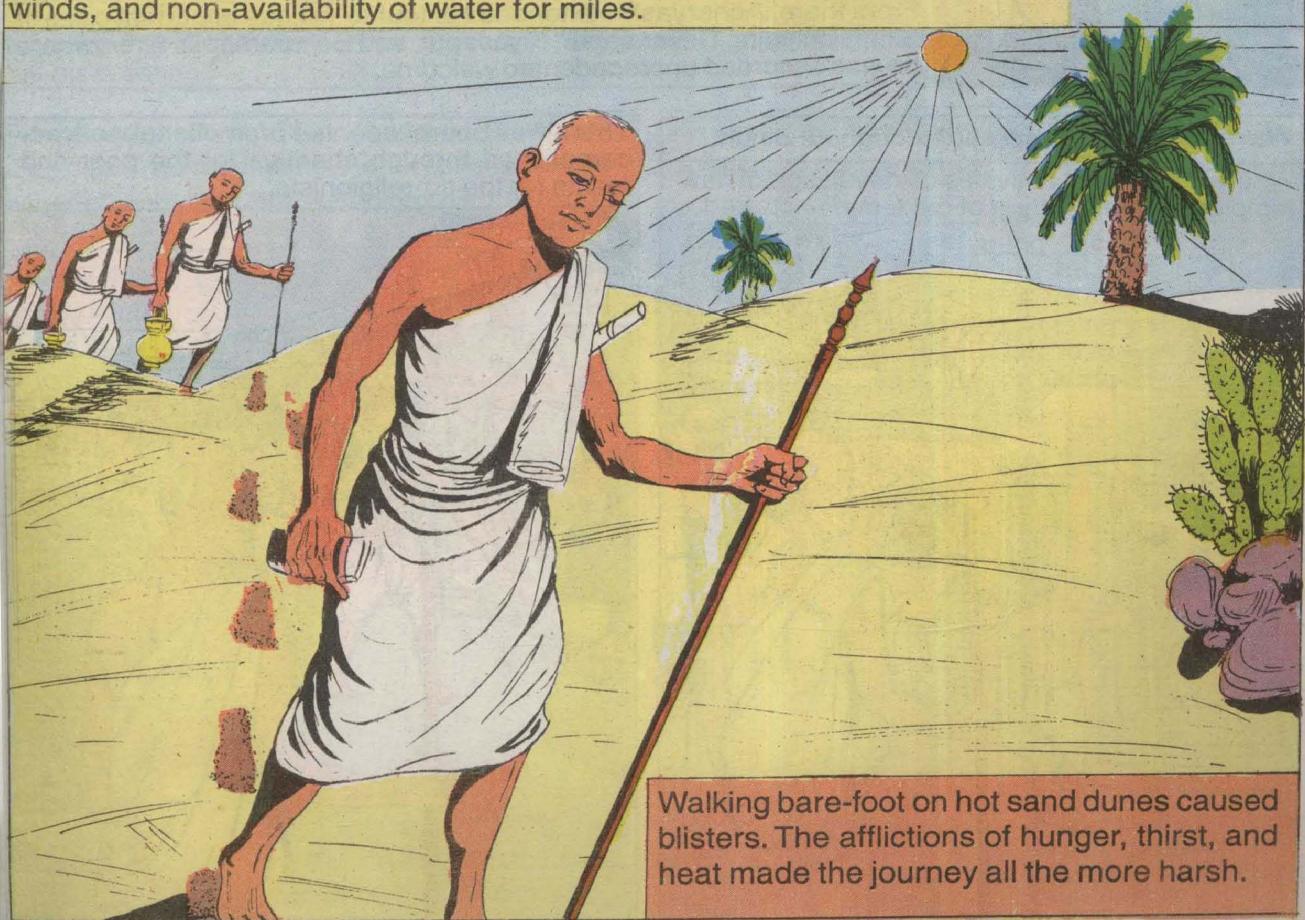


# Particular deities

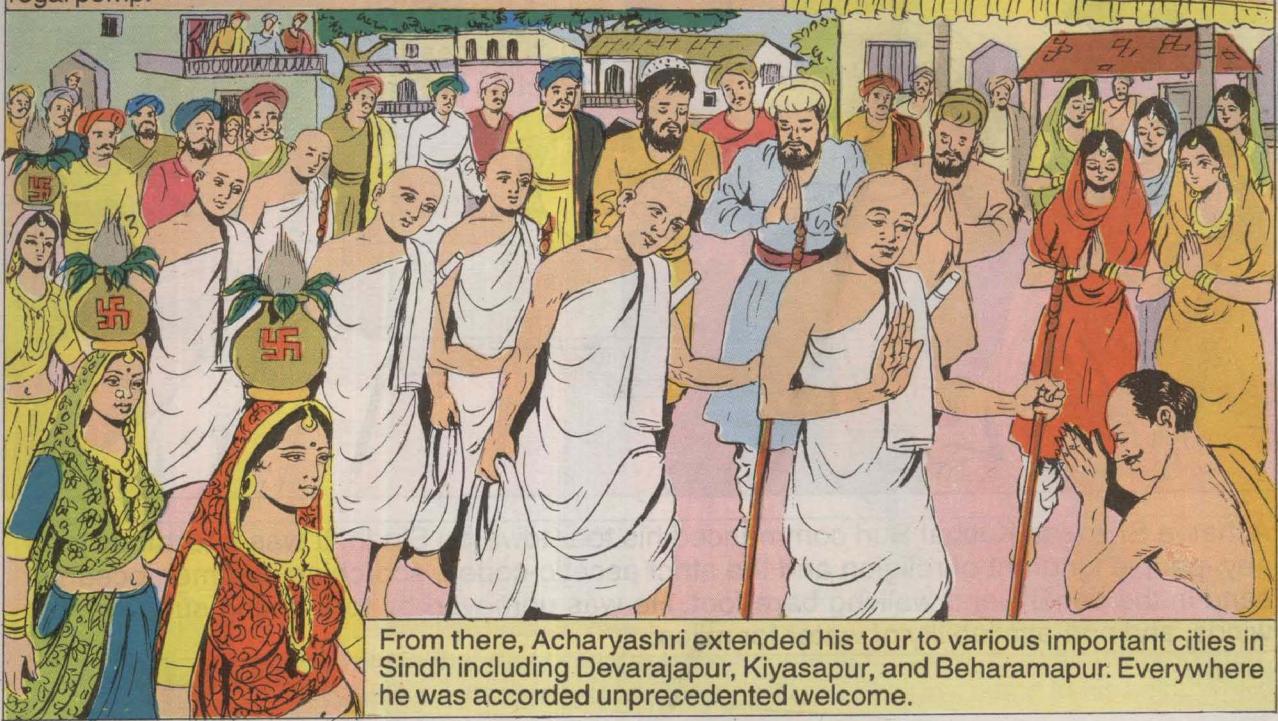
Looking at the sincere devotion of the shravaks and the opportunity of promotion of Jainism, Acharyashri accepted the invitation.



Acharya Shri Jina Kushal Suri commenced his tour towards Sindh. It was a tortuous journey—people ignorant of religion and the strict ascetic-codes, scorching summer, ocean of sand in the desert, and walking bare-foot. He was unmoved by tormenting sun rays, hot winds, and non-availability of water for miles.



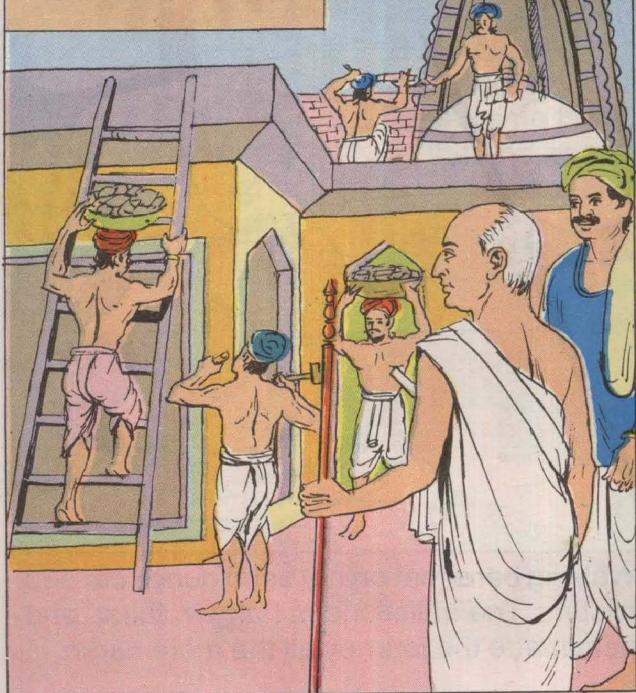
After a nonstop journey lasting two months Acharyashri arrived at Uchchanagar, the main city in Sindh. Thousands of Jains, Hindus, and Muslims came to receive him and he entered the city with regal pomp.



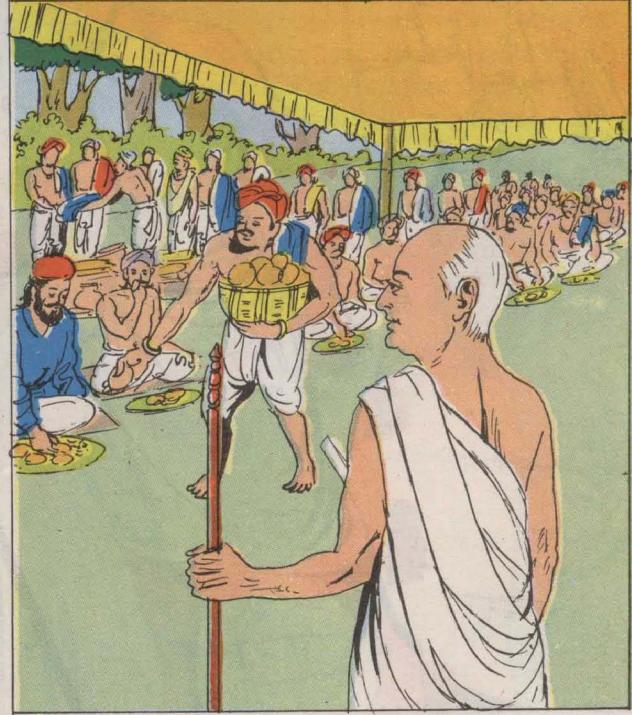
From there, Acharyashri extended his tour to various important cities in Sindh including Devarajapur, Kiyasapur, and Beharampur. Everywhere he was accorded unprecedented welcome.

Waves of religiosity spread throughout Sindh.

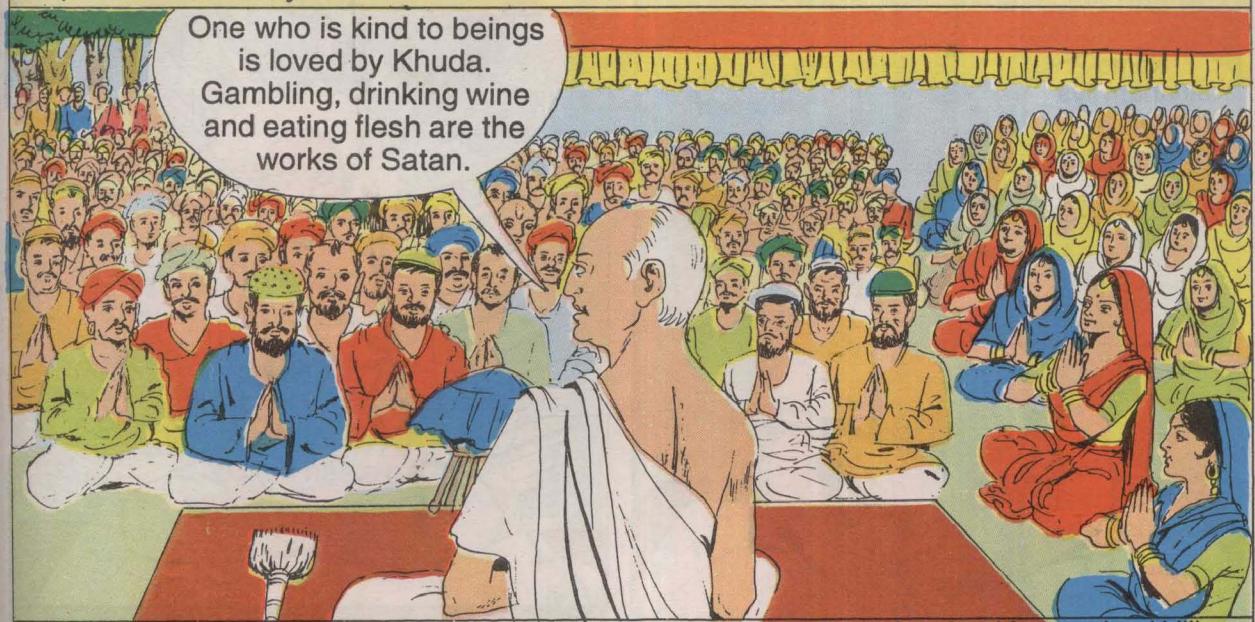
Wherever he went activities of installation of new temples and renovation of old temples started.



There was unprecedented promotional work accomplished through charities for the poor and feasts for the co-religionists.

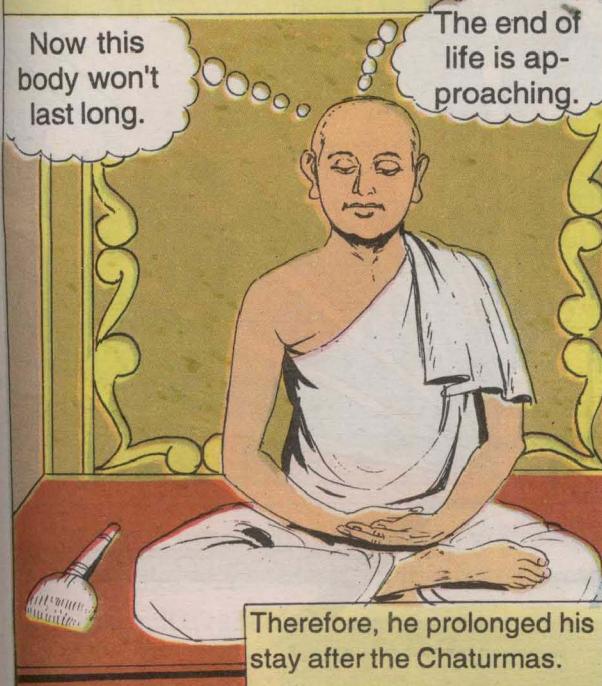


The original Hindu inhabitants and migrant Muslims both thronged all day to pay homage to Acharyashri. His knowledge, eloquence, and magnetism made them his devotees. Thousands of Muslims attended his discourses. Quoting from the Holy Quran and other Muslim scriptures he conveyed—

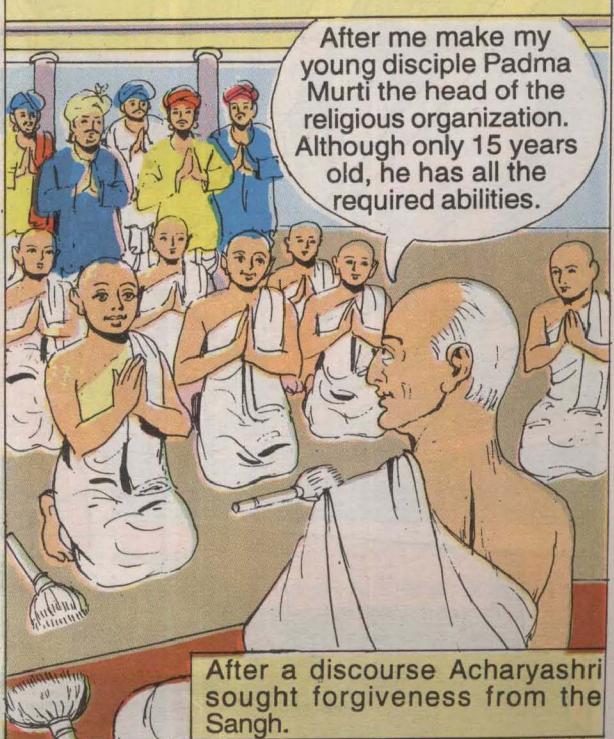


Influenced by the oration of Shri Jina Kushal Suri hundreds of Muslims abstained from animal killing and meat eating.\*

For monsoon-stay in 1389 V. he was in Deravarpur. One day while meditating, Acharyashri became aware of changes in the frequency of his breathing—



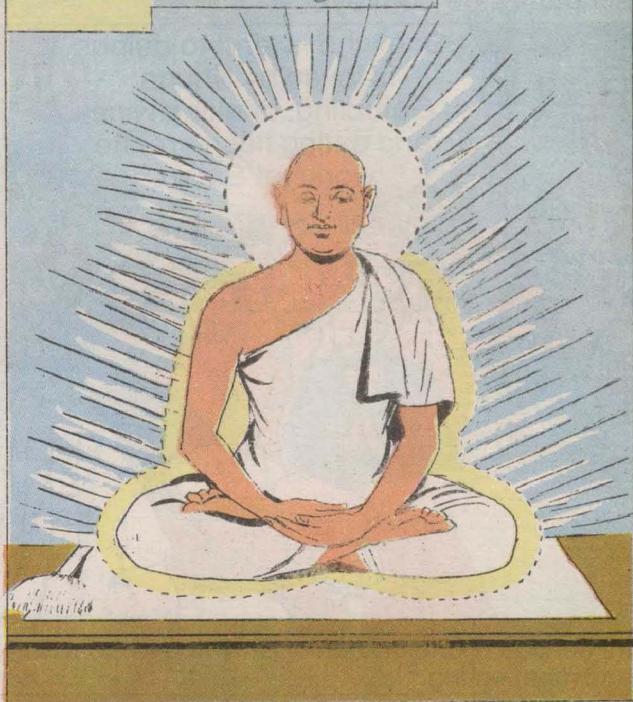
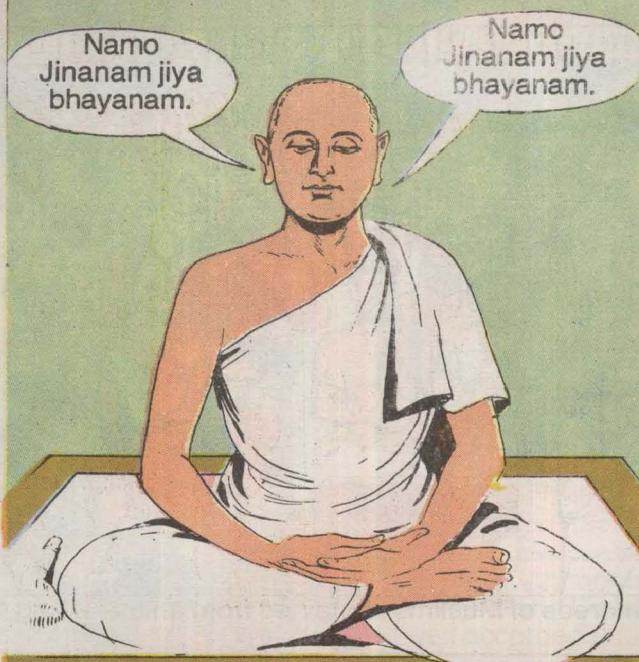
He gradually became weak. He called his disciples and members of the Sangh and said—



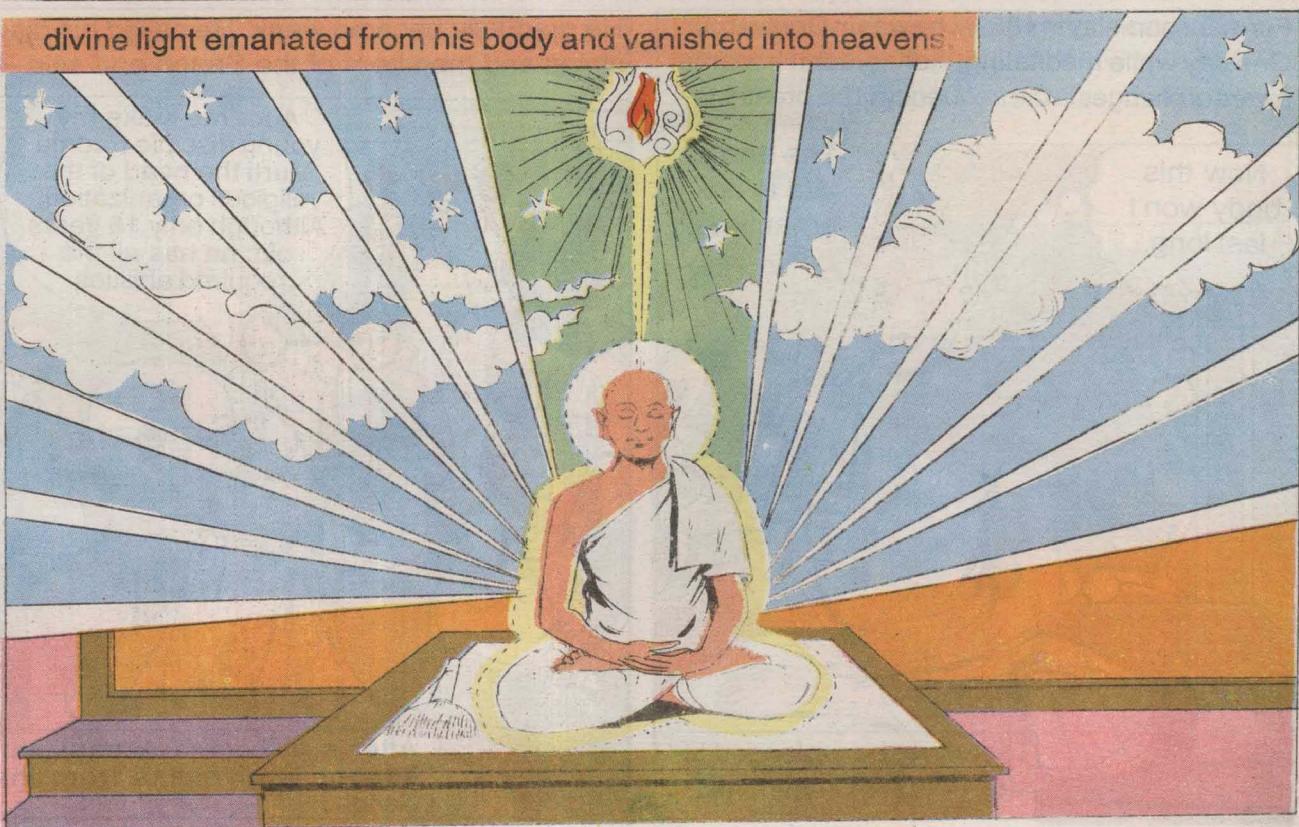
# From 1384 to 1389 Shri Jina Kushal Suri accomplished unprecedented promotion of Jainism. He is said to have converted more than 50,000 persons to Jainism besides strengthening the faith of older 23

In the evening, after due critical review, he took the ultimate vow in name of Arihant and Siddh and sat in his last meditation.

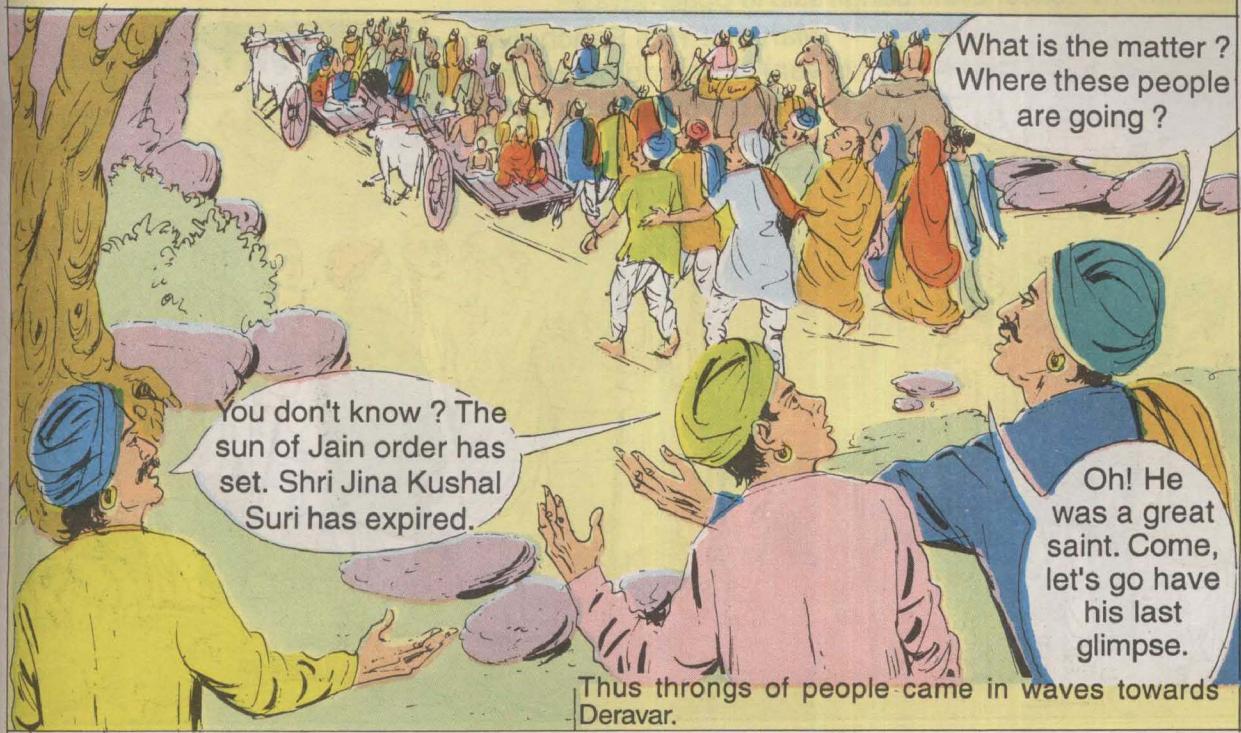
Sitting in lotus posture and meditating of Panchaparameshthi, Acharyashri breathed his last around midnight.\*



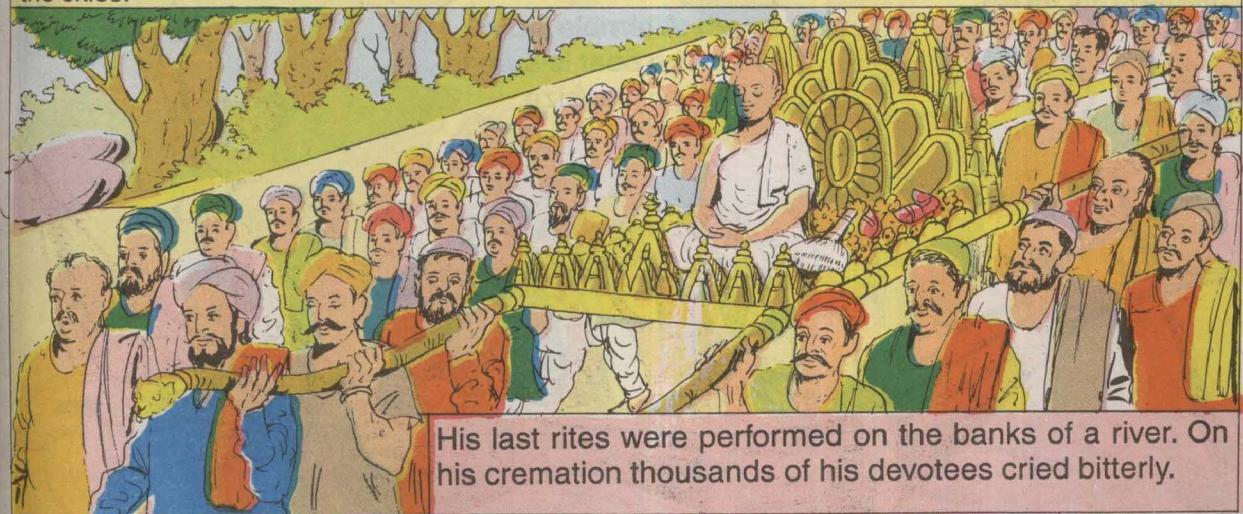
divine light emanated from his body and vanished into heavens



With the spread of the news thousands of people on hundreds of camels, bullock carts, and on feet rushed towards Deravar. Looking at this large crowd going in one direction people asked—



A large open palanquin with 75 spires was made for his body. Thousands of devotees hailed Shri Jina Kushal Suri with choked voice and tear-filled eyes. Shouts of 'Shri Jina Kushal Suri is immortal' filled the skies.

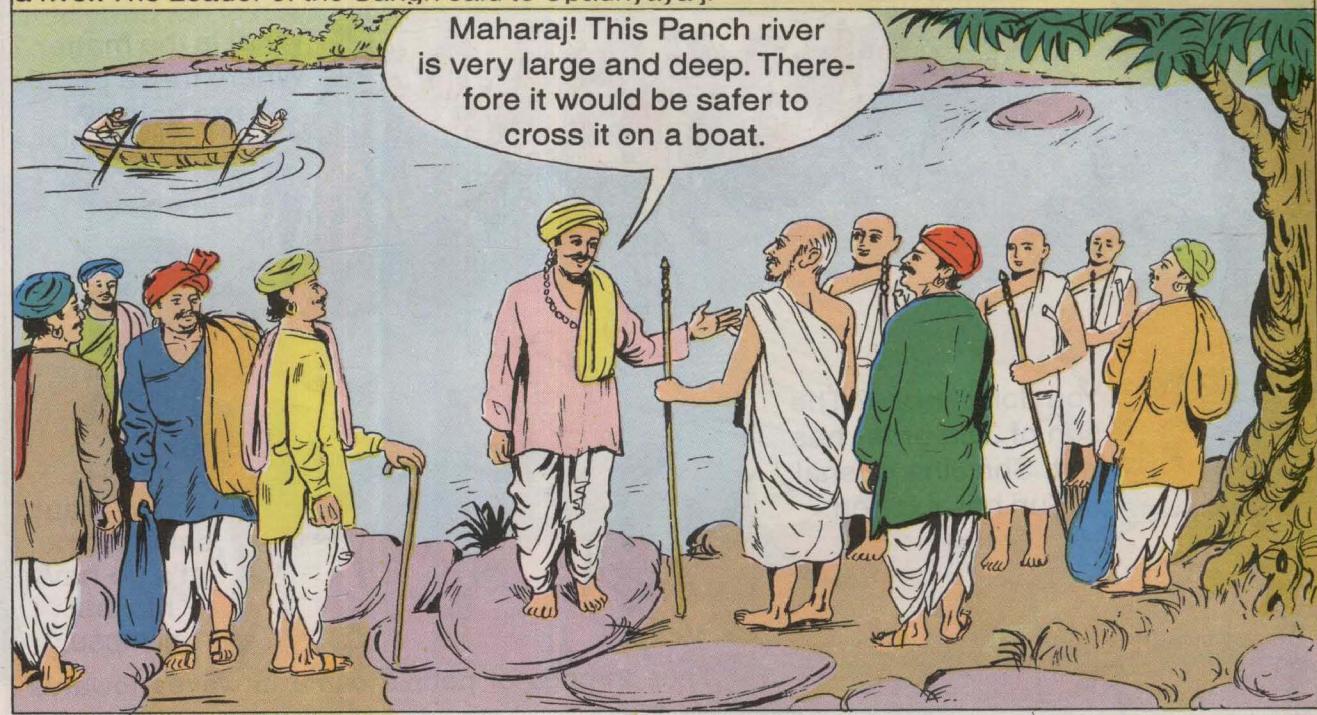


In 1383 in Barmer, Gurudev wrote *Vrihad Vritti*\* on Chatyavandan Kulak of Dada Jinadatta Suri. He installed more than a thousand images in many temples in various cities. Of these many are still available.

## BOAT TO THE DROWNING

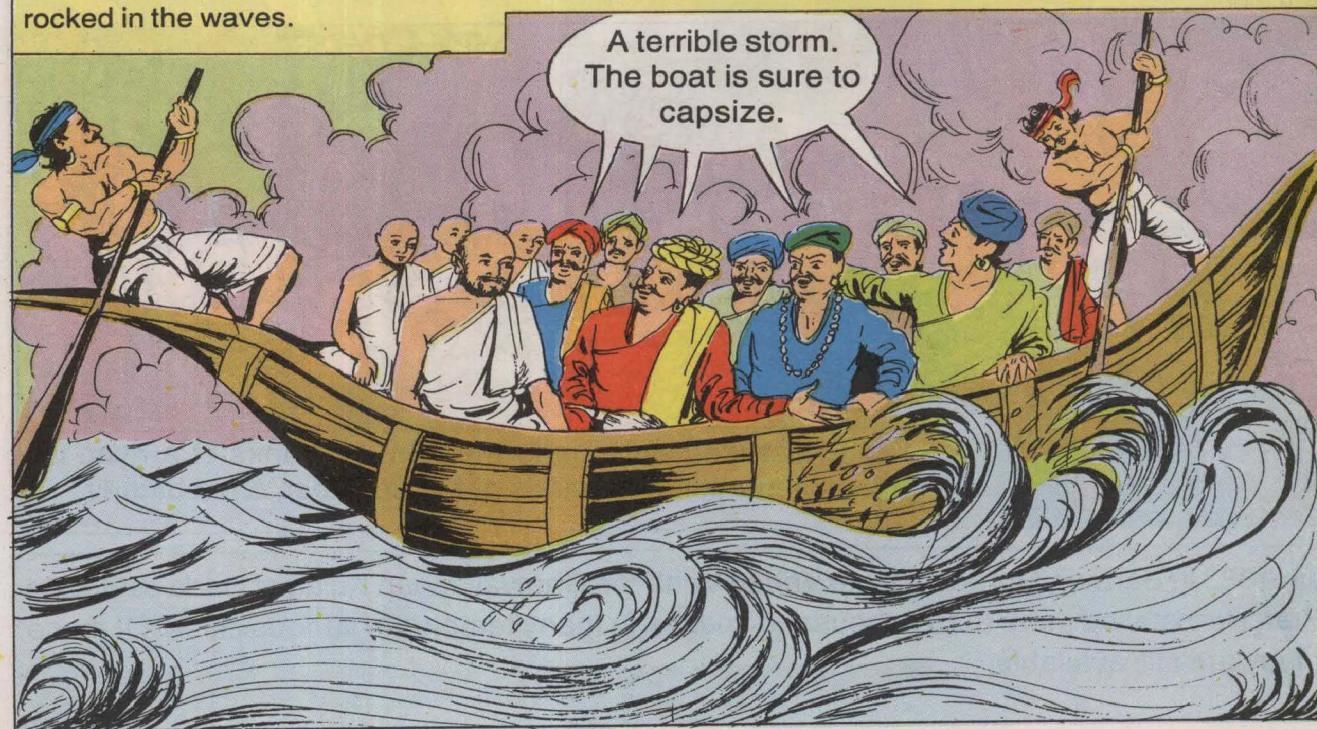
This is an incident of 17th century. Poet Upadhyaya Samayasunder ji was going to Unchanagar with the Sangh. On the way they stopped at a river. The Leader of the Sangh said to Upadhyaya ji—

Maharaj! This Panch river is very large and deep. Therefore it would be safer to cross it on a boat.



A large boat was prepared and Samayasunderji boarded with the Sangh. Midway the sky was filled with rain clouds and soon there was a storm and heavy rains. The level of the river rose and the boat rocked in the waves.

A terrible storm.  
The boat is sure to capsize.



The rain became torrential and water started filling in the boat. The rocking of the boat filled every one with the fear of death—

Gurudev! What now? The storm will turn the boat over.

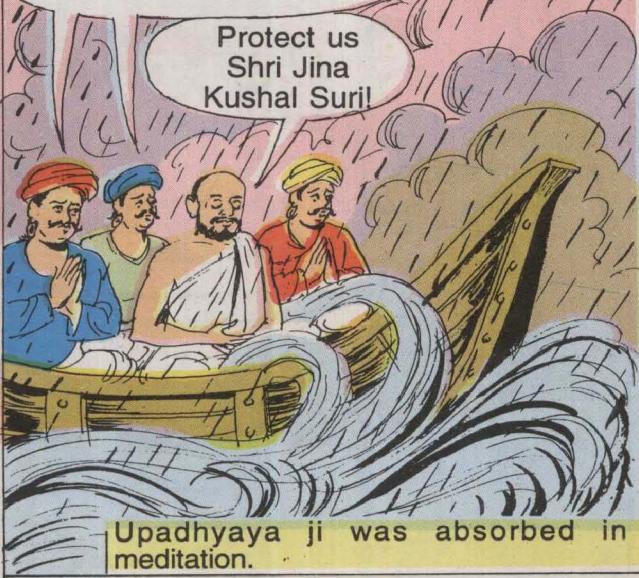
Brothers! We are on our way to pay homage to Gurudev. Don't worry, he will come to our rescue.



They all uttered in unison—

Shri Jina Kushal Suri! Protect your devotees. The boat of life of your devotees is rocking. Please extend your strong hands and save them.

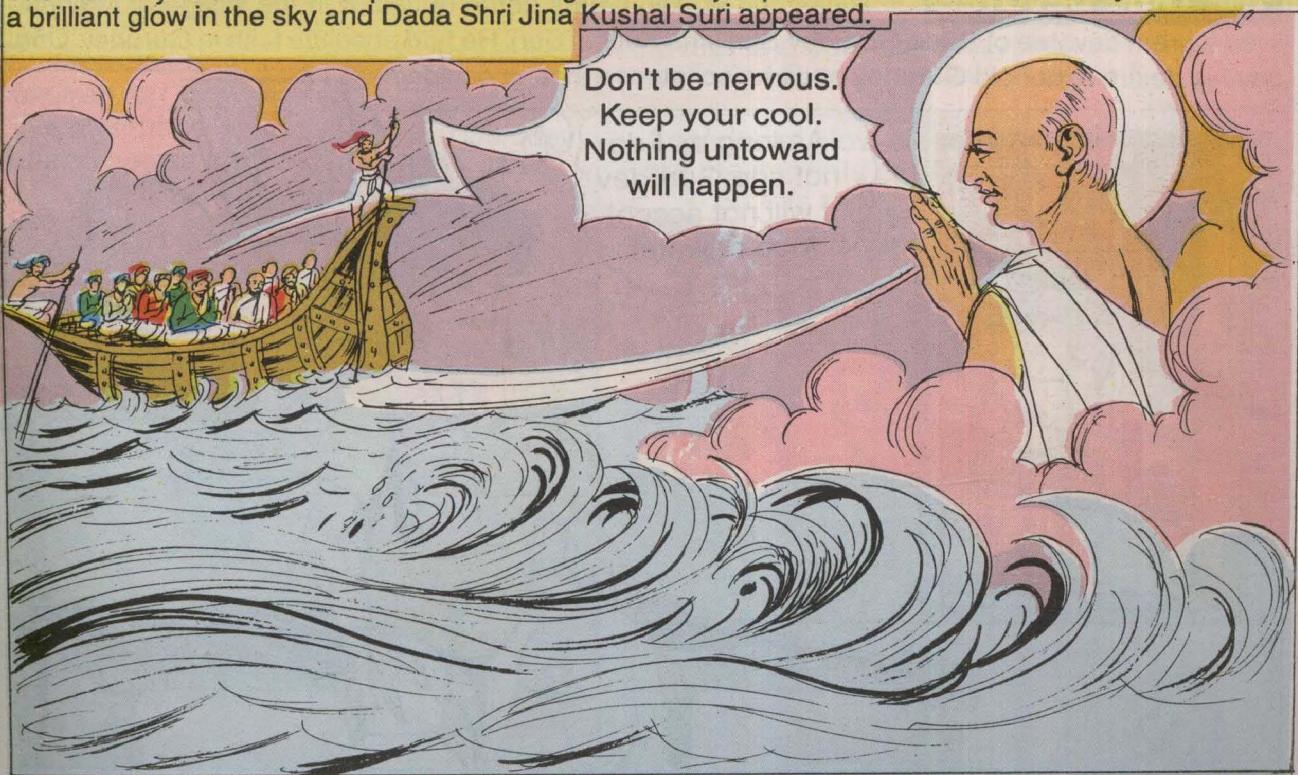
Protect us  
Shri Jina  
Kushal Suri!



Upadhyaya ji was absorbed in meditation.

The intensity of the storm kept on increasing. The boat jumped on the waves. Suddenly there was a brilliant glow in the sky and Dada Shri Jina Kushal Suri appeared.

Don't be nervous.  
Keep your cool.  
Nothing untoward will happen.



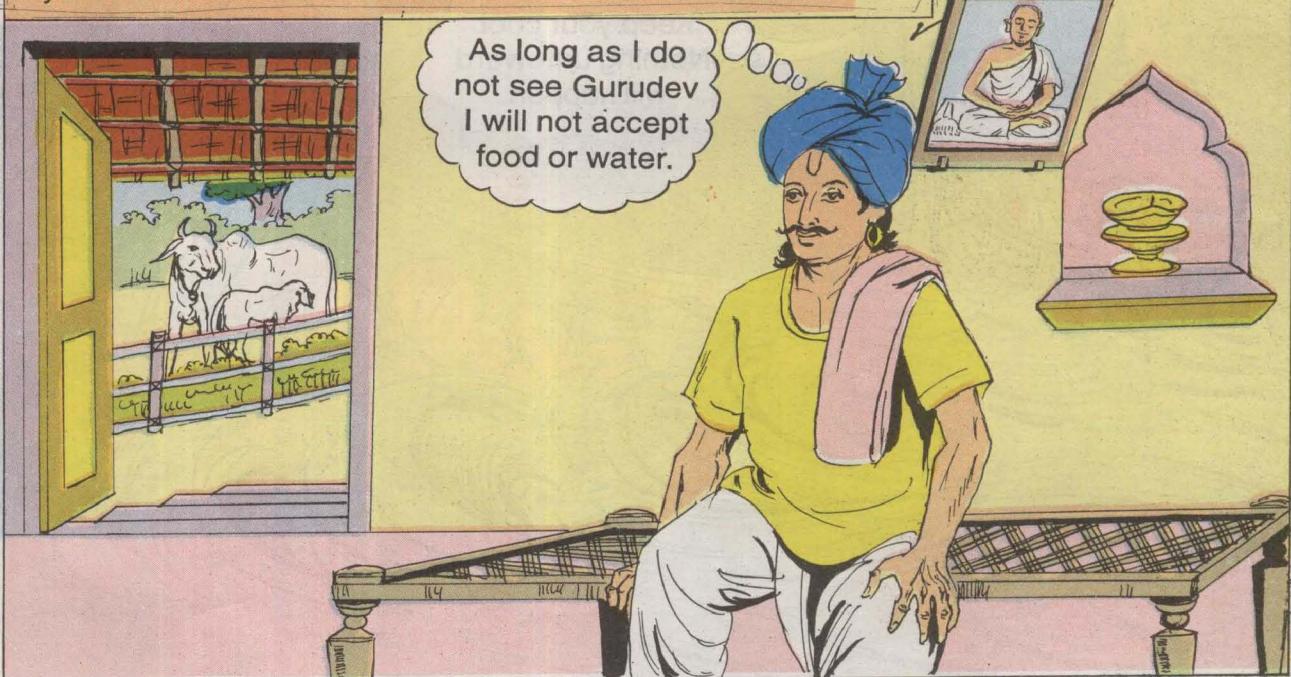
A miracle happened. Suddenly the storm was over and the river calmed down.



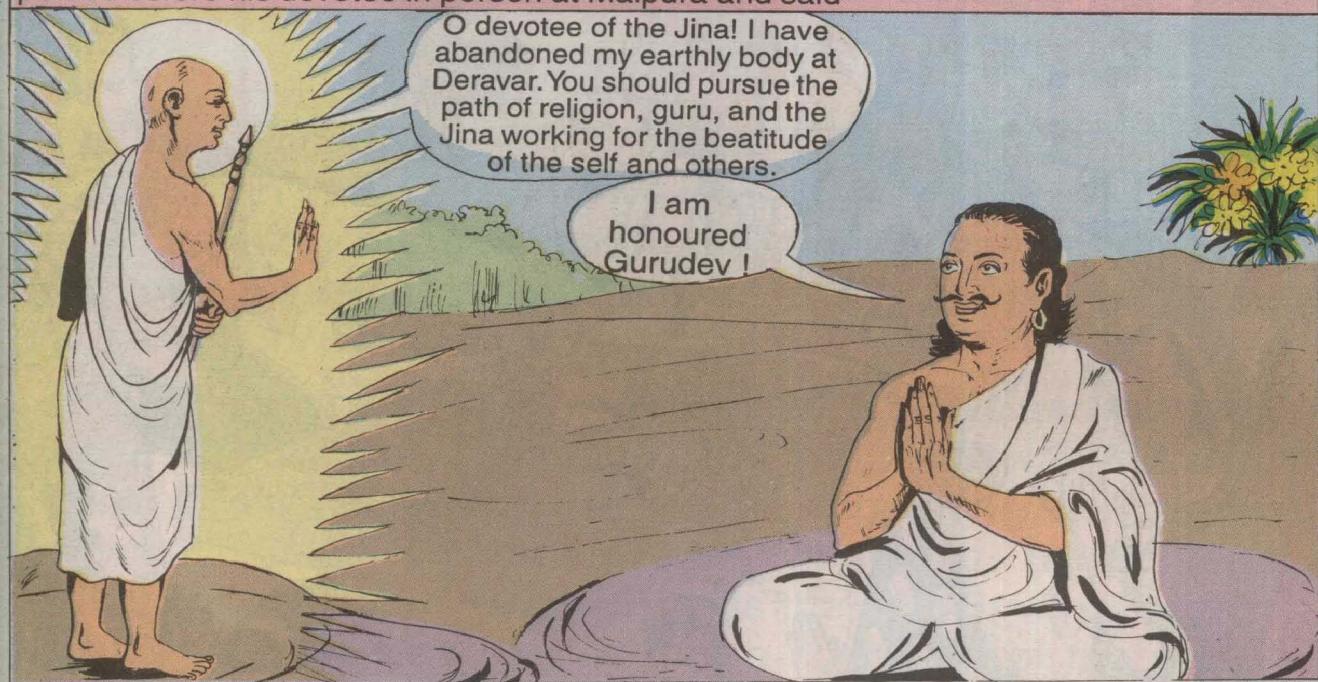
The boat slowly touched the bank.

### THE TRUE DEVOTEE

In Rajasthan 90 kilometers south of Jaipur in the village of Malpura lived a great devotee of Dada Gurudev Shri Jina Kushal Suri. He had absolute faith in Gurudev. One day his desire to behold Gurudev became so intense that he decided—



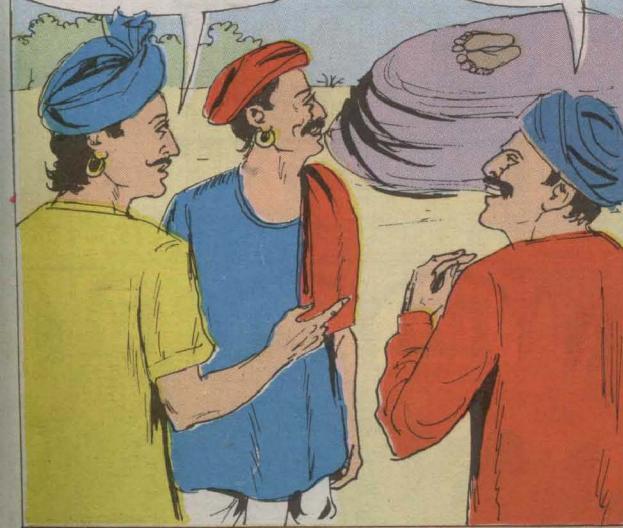
Around that time Dada Gurudev suddenly expired at Deravar. The devotee was ignorant about this. He continued his fasting and meditation of Gurudev. The strong string of devotion drew the attention of Gurudev who was in the divine realm. One night Gurudev appeared before his devotee in person at Malpura and said—



Next morning he told the villagers about the incident.

Gurudev has expired at Deravar. Last night he appeared before me on that rock.

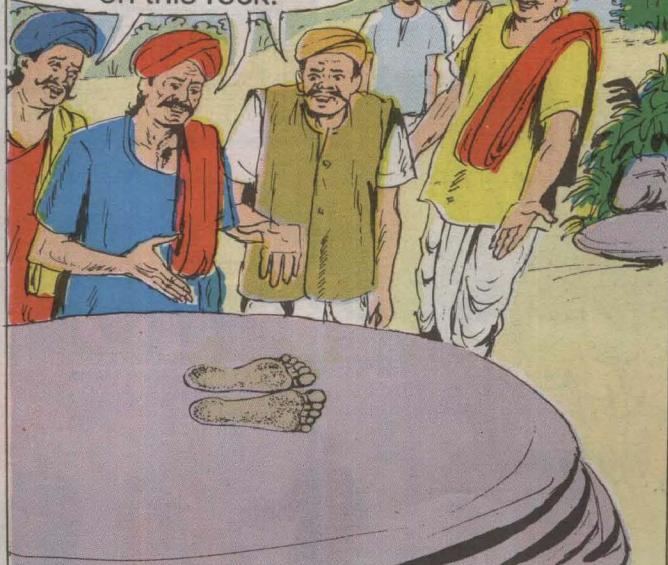
You must have dreamt. It is impossible that Gurudev appeared here.



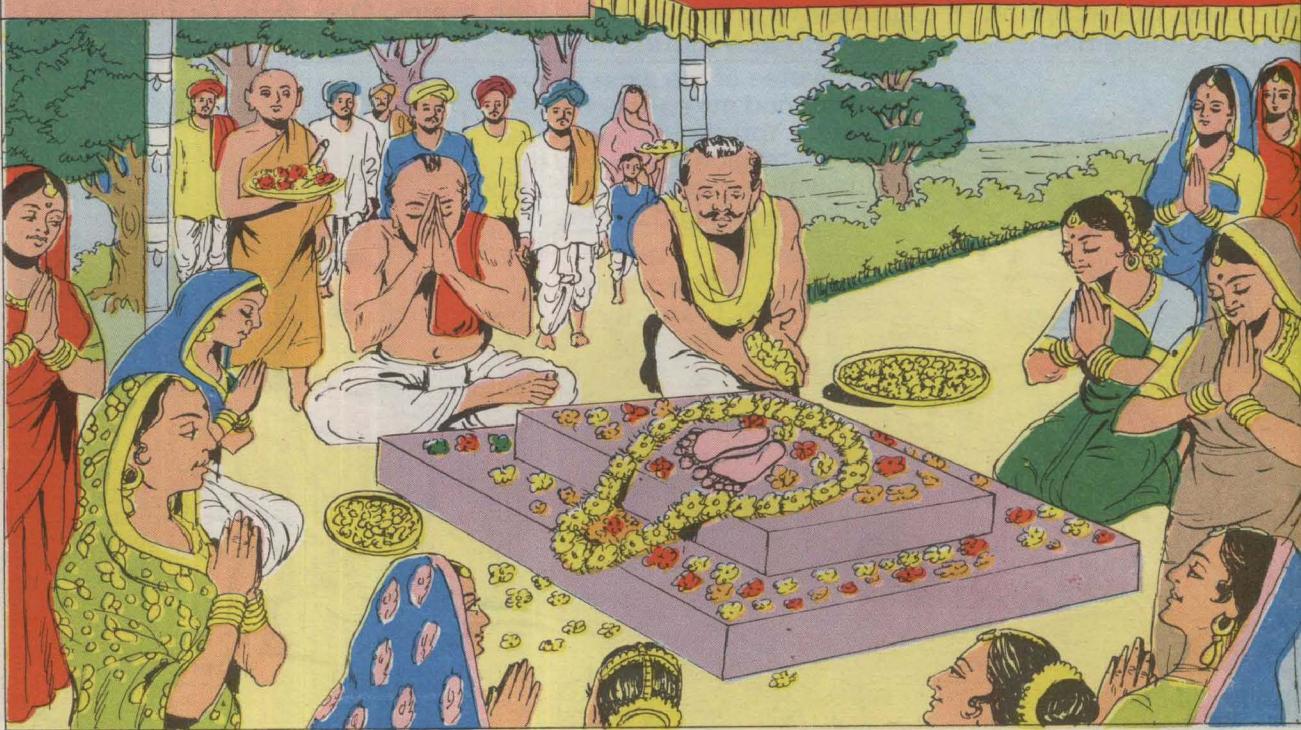
A few days later the news of Gurudev's demise came. After that the villagers went and examined the rock and they found clear imprints of the divine feet of Gurudev etched on the rock.

Look here! How clear are the imprints of feet on this rock.

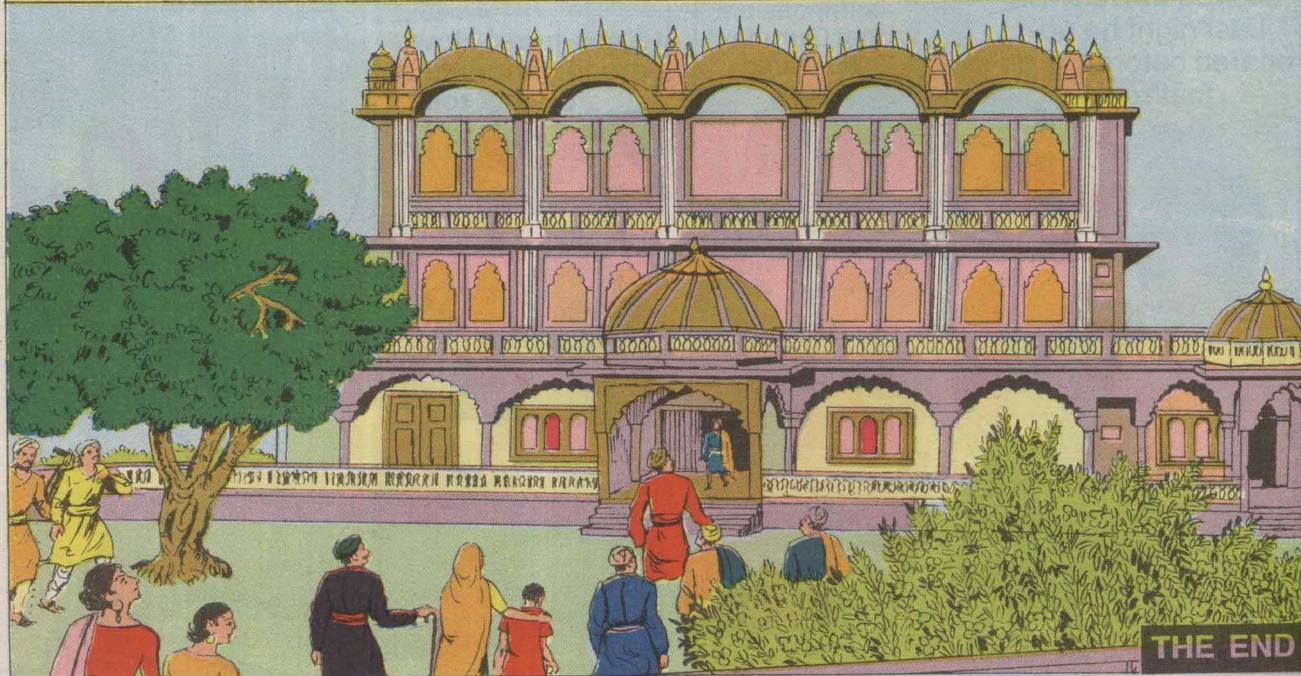
Indeed! this is the same spot.



People started worshipping the divine foot prints of Gurudev Shri Jina Kushal Suri on that rock and constructed a memorial stupa there.



Since that day people started visiting that place to pay homage to and worship Dada Gurudev Shri Jina Kushal Suri and Malpura became a prominent pilgrimage center. Today there is a grand and elaborate temple with boarding facilities and kitchen. Devotees visit this place and get their wishes fulfilled.



THE END

## **Atimuktak Kumar And The Feeling Of Detachment**

It is mentioned on page five that when child Karman Kumar heard the story of Atimuktak Kumar from Acharyashri he was filled with a feeling of detachment. As it is an interesting and inspiring story we reproduce it in brief.

The name of the king of Polaspur was Vijaya and that of his queen was Shridevi. The name of their little son was Atimuktak Kumar (Ayavanta Kumar). He was very charming, delicate and innocent. Once Bhagavan Mahavir came to Polaspur. Ganadhar Indrabhuti came towards the palace while seeking alms. Atimuktak was playing in the courtyard of the palace. When he saw Gautam Swami he was very pleased. He asked, "Sir ! Who are you ? Why are you walking around?" Gautam Swami introduced himself and said, "I have come here to seek alms?" The prince said, "Please come to my house. My mother will be happy to see you. Please accept alms from her."

Holding the fingers of Gautam Swami the innocent prince lead him straight to the palace. Shridevi was extremely happy to see this. Her joy found no bounds when she saw her son holding the finger of the great Gautam Swami. She paid her homage and was very happy to offer pure food and water as alms.

The prince asked, "Now where will you go ?" Gautam Swami replied, "Now I will go to my religious guru and head of the order." Atimuktak, "Do you also have a guru ?"

Gautam Swami, "Yes, Shraman Bhagavan Mahavir is my preceptor. He stays in the garden outside the city."

Atimuktak was filled with the curiosity to behold Bhagavan. He accompanied Gautam Swami to the garden. When he saw Bhagavan Mahavir he was filled with joy. When he heard the speech of Bhagavan he was overwhelmed with feelings of detachment. Due to the influence of pious karmas of earlier birth he desired to become an ascetic. He requested, "Bhante! I want to be your disciple." Bhagavan said, "Beloved of gods ! Seek permission from your parents and then get initiated. Don't postpone a pious act."

Atimuktak returned home and expressed his desire for initiation to his mother. The mother said, "Son! You are still a child. You are ignorant. What do you know of religion ?" The child said, "Mother, I know what I do not know and I do not know what I know. "With surprise the mother said, "What do you mean by that?"

Atimuktak, "Mother ! I know that one who is born is certain to die. But I do not know when, where, how, and after how many days he will die. I do not know that what karmas cause a soul to be born as an infernal being, an animal, a human, or a divine being. But I know that it is one's own karmas that lead to such births."

These words of profound intelligence and detachment from her son reassured the mother. At last the parents arranged for his initiation ceremony. He was initiated by Bhagavan Mahavir, studied scriptures including the eleven Angas and got liberated in the end.

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